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THE CRITIC.

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WE THINK that the House of Lords has acted very wisely in rejecting the "Book Unions" Bill. As far as we understand it, it seems to have been a very useless and mischievous scheme for promoting the sale of worthless books, and bolstering up consumptive reputations. Lord Brougham seemed much more than half ashamed of his protegé, and (most unusual proceeding with that bellicose peer) quietly gave it up without provoking a division—explicitly declaring that he considered it a measure of expediency rather than necessity, and desiring a distinct understanding that "it was not owing to any fault of his that the Bill was lost." Certainly not. It was the fault, or rather faults, of the Bill itself, as Lord Grey very conclusively pointed out, when he clearly indicated the distinction to be drawn between books and works of art. In the best interests of literature, we protested against a scheme for making books the subjects of a lottery. A library or even a small collection of books is a history of its collector's mind. It is not a piece of furniture, or even an object of decoration. English adaptations of Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme have been ridiculed for sending the dimensions of their dining-rooms to a picture-dealer and ordering pictures to fit; but what shall we say of the shallow pretender who draws lots for his books? When a man buys a book, he signifies by the act that he desires to nourish his mind with the information which that particular book contains. There is no room for choice or for the exercise of any will but that of the person by whom the book is actually desired. He that wishes to study the steam-engine would be ill-requited for his subscription to a lottery by drawing Longfellow's poems. Lord Brougham admitted that the scheme was quite as "expedient" for booksellers, printers, and authors as for readers; but it needs no conjuror to divine by whom the expediency would be best appreciated. It is a scheme set on foot by booksellers, printers, and authors, and in estimating its value we

themselves, but bad books require pushing.

In referring to the "Book Unions" Bill in our last impression, we connected the name of Mr. Edmund Yates with the scheme. Mr.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE CRITIC.

SIR.—Perceiving myself described in your issue of this day's date as the "originator and promoter" of the "recently-projected National Book Union," I hasten to assure you that you have unwittingly ascribed to me an honour to which I am by no means entitled, and that, however gratified I should have been in finding my name associated with those quoted by you, I had never heard of the project until I read your comments upon it.—I am, Sir, faithfully yours.

EDMUND YATES.

In connection with this matter we have received another commu-nication, which is too good to be omitted, although its insertion may lay us open to the charge of surplusage:

To the charge of surplusage:

To the Editor of the Critic.

Sir,—You are at liberty to criticise the National Book Union in that spirit of hostility with which you have always approached my name. But I am bound not to let your blows fall upon an innocent back. Mr. Edmund Yates has no connection whatever with the National Book Union. I am its originator, and am solely responsible for any defects malevolent ingenuity may discover in it.—

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

Reform Club, Pall-mall, July 16th, 1861.

Indeed, "these be wild and whirring words." Need we assure the reader that we are not actuated by any "spirit of hostility" against Mr. Jerrold's name, or that we have no intention of exercising "malevolent ingenuity" upon his schemes? Surely not. We may not have swelled the chorus of injudicious laudation, nor praised that which we felt bound in conscience to condemn; but the idea that we have deliberately drawn cursolyes up in hattle create series that we have deliberately drawn ourselves up in battle array against Mr. William Blanchard Jerrold, or that, it is a serious purpose with us to oppose him, is too absurd to be treated with gravity. Whenever the acts or plans of Mr. Jerrold merit praise at our hands we shall freely accord it.

Acting upon the recommendation of Professor Owen, the Trustees of the British Museum have purchased the principal objects in M. DU CRAILLU'S collection of mammals for 500l.; a very good sum, it must be admitted, to pay for what has been called a "heap of rubbish," and which has been said to be destitute of any novelty. The sum, however, assumes more moderate proportions when we recollect that the same Trustees, on the recommendation of the chief of the zoological department acquired the young gorilla and the adult skeleton provides. Trustees, on the recommendation of the chief of the zoological department, acquired the young gorilla and the adult skeleton now in the Museum for nearly 200l. The selected specimens include the "King of the Gorillas"—the large specimen stuffed by Mr. Wilson, which has lately been exhibited at the rooms of the Geographical Society; the 'younger specimen, called "Joe" in M. Du CHAILLU's lecture, and another skin; also the skin of the "Bald-headed Ape," the new Antelope and the African Manatee, with their skeletons, and the skins of some smaller animals. The valuation of these specimens (which is really very moderate) was made by Mr. S. Stevens, whose opinion upon such matters is justly held in high respect by the officers of the British Museum. The skull of the Manatee is very curious, and, in the opinion of Professor Owen, more resembles the fossil Halitherium (of Malta and Darmstadt) than any other living animal. The purchase of M. Du CHAILLU's collection of

birds is, we believe, still under the consideration of the Trustees. For birds is, we believe, still under the consideration of the Trustees. For the present, we may safely congratulate the Museum on the acquisition of such a valuable accession to the attractions of its Zoological department as the "King of the Gorillas" and his companions. No doubt his Majesty's levées will be exceedingly thronged. Dr. Gran is also to be congratulated upon the opportunities which he will now have for a free and uninterrupted exploration of the apertures in the skin of the gorilla, and for drawing therefrom all possible conclusions to the disparagement of M. du Chaillu's veracity.

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In giving insertion to the following letter we have but to say that, to our knowledge, its writer is a person of high reputation for sagacity, love of truth, and all other qualities that enter into the composition of an admirable character. Of the facts deposed to in the statement we know nothing but what we gather from the statement itself; yet the knowledge we have of the witness compels us to admit this document as ex parte evidence worthy of grave attention. Upon any ordinary matter we should rely implicitly upon the word of this witness, and we cannot reject the testimony because it tends to the contradiction of our experience. For our part, we have but to say that we have made frequent, earnest, and honest endeavours to witness these scenes, or something analogous to them, but in vain. We have never seen anything approaching them. We cannot say that we desire to be convinced, for we have no desire either way. Our desire is to know the truth. If what our correspondent calls "materialism" be equivalent to "scepticism" about these things, we must confess that it yet occupies our mind; and if that materialism be an erroneous faith, we earnestly wish that the spirits would address themselves to the task of driving it out. Our main complaint is, that whilst persons who already believe, and, therefore, need no conviction, and persons who find no difficulty in believing, are suffered to behold these marvels, not only is the sight of them denied to others whose minds are less pliable, who insist upon absolute proof and strictly logical investigation, and who refuse to admit what may be termed sentimental evidence, but the demand for evidence is termed scepticism, and the scepticism is pleaded as a reason why those who are occupied by it can never see that which, if seen, would utterly annihiate unbelief. One part of the following statement appears to us to imply a fearful suggestion. It is

the Lord manifested Itself to Paul in the highway, It met him in the full vigour of his unbelief. It met the sceptic, and not the believer—the seerer, and not the timid inquirer.

To the Editor of the Critic.

Sir,—The last number of your journal contains this passage:—"'Home thrusts' is a satirical attack upon that exploded superstition yclept 'spiritrapping;' as the craze in question has apparently had its day, the satire falls somewhat fatly upon our ears." This is a mistake; the numbers of so-called "spiritualists"—believers in the power of the spirits of the other world to make themselves visibly present to those still on earth—is increased since last year threefold. The "facts" have become so established that, like the electric telegraph, the wonder has ceased. I am not at all astonished that those who have not seen do not believe; but I am astonished when men of philosophic minds sneer when they ought to investigate. You know me; and you know that I would not advance an untruth; and that, having for two years withstood spiritualism, and closed my eyes against every evidence, until a communication forced me to believe, I am not likely to yield to imposition—supposing imposition were practised—which in the case I am about to relate was impossible.

I took a friend, who wished to be present at a séance, to a lady's house in the Regent's-park, who has been a great deal in India; and in the drawing-room she has a number of idols of the Burmese gods, heavy brass idols, and other Indian curiosities. It is a good-sized, cheerful room. We sat down, seven, to a heavy loo-table—seven—two of the party being Mr. and Mrs. Home (the latter being in what is believed the last stage of consumption); the usual raps and table titls commenced, and I made my friend go under the table for some time, that she might see the impossibility of any trick; while there, the raps were to her hearing on the top of the table. It was evening, but not twillight. Mrs. Home made some little bouquets of flowers, which she tied together with o

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(Mrs. Home's Christian name) will hear when she enters the spirit-world." No words can describe the beauty, the richness, the tenderness of that music. The dear young friend, whom we all love for the childlike simplicity and the elevated character of her Christian faith, was the only one unmoved at the table. Looking calmly round, she said, "Yes, I know I shall soon be so happy in heaven." All but she wept bitterly. The evening had been very bright; it was now twilight, and all, except myself, said they saw the spirit-hands passing round the circle, and touching our brows. I felt a hand on my brow more than once, and two sprigs of geranium were dropt on my dress. I looked eagerly to see what my friends saw, but did not until a hand bell, which was on another table, was taken up and rung loudly over the table and in the air over the circle; then, between me and the window, I distinctly saw a long greyish arm holding the bell; I saw it as distinctly as I see my own hand holding this pen! It was not like an arm and hand of flesh, but, if I may say so, like an embodied shadow standing out—a long grey arm and hand holding and ringing the bell. They all saw it. Soon after the bell was thrown down, the alphabet called for, and the message was "Good night—God bless you." It was ended. I have seen the idols twice overthrown in the same way. If you ask me, What does this tend to? I say, to check the spread of materialism. No one could see what I have seen and disbelieve in existence after what is called Death, but which I call Change. We always commence our séance with prayer to the Trinity to be protected from the influence of evil spirits. I have no more to say at present.

Mr. Cyrus Redding sends us the following defence of Alderman Beckford's memory against the aspersions of the late Lord MACAULAY. The letter is interesting both as a revival of an interesting question and an acknowledgment on Mr. REDDING's part of the authorship of BECKFORD's "Memoirs:"

authorship of BECKFORD'S "Memoirs:"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CRITIC.

Sir.—In these days, when works of fiction are so much read, it would appear as if history were designed to put on something of the same character. The noblest of Roman writers told us, in harmony with common sense, that the cessential virtue of history is a strict adherence to truth. To imbibe personal prejudices against unknown individuals, and to circulate them upon no reasonable ground, is indefensible. Even the diatribes of political enemies should not provoke the historian to vilify them in language, however attractive to readers, and captivating in style; this is not to write history as it should be written. D'Alembert was so disgusted with the misrepresentations of the writers of history in relation to his own time, that he thought it better there should be no history at all.

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The attractive style of Macaulay must weaken the interest it excites when doubts are expressed regarding the veracity of his descriptions. With no writer has personal distaste or predilection more ruled in characterising others. His sketches are drawn with all the acrimonious distortion of the political reviewer. He was young when he first wrote in the Edinburgh Review, if he did not begin there his literary career. At that time the Quarterly had begun its course as an antagonist, and in both reviews literature was tested solely by the political party of the writer. This was not a good school for an author commening his career, and it subsequently tainted his historical descriptions of character. Nothing could have been more unlucky than that Macaulay, a very superior man, should have been more unlucky than that Macaulay, a very superior man, should have been twice put down by John Wilson Croker, the leading star of the Quarterly. If he were at all sensitive he must have been mortified at being proved grossly erroneous by a political adversary. The advantage of his captivating style was neutralised by want of fidelity to the truth. Here even "Johnson's bow-wow way" would have been of no avail in reply to such an accusation face to face.

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You, ir, on the anonymous publication of some memoirs (as far as they went), of Beckford, once of Fontbill, named me as being their writer. It was a right guess. I was their writer; but I had reasons why at that time I did not put my name on the title-page. The Duchess of Hamilton—Beckford's younger daughter—was then alive, and I did not wish to be challenged in regard to any part of her father's early life, amounting to about two-thirds of the first volume, which I had obtained privately and exclusively from the MS. diary of Beckford's tutor, up to the completion of his pupil's twenty-first year, and, indeed, down to the death of Lady Margaret Beckford, his wife, who died in Switzerland. Among those papers were incidents relative to his father and

family; others I procured in addition from the Guildhall City Library. I state these things to show the authentic sources from which I drew my information, independently of what was accessible elsewhere that was open to everybody. Even the late Mr. Beckford's family had no such account of his earlier

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Now then to Macaulay. The most successful minister England ever saw, "a man not stained by any vice, nor sallied by any meanness"—that minister who "with one hand smote the House of Bourbon, and with the other wielded the democracy of England"—that discerning man and great minister, either Whig nor Tory, but as much of either as was good, cannot be forgiven by Macaulay for his original sin in opposing the corruptions practised by Sir Robert Walpole. It is pretended that Lord Chatham knew so better than to select his personal friends from the lowest and most contemptible of mankind—an assertion that refutes itself from that great man's known perspicacity. Two members of the House of Peers asking Chatham what measure he had in contemplation in reply, he is charged by Macaulay with being sullen and mysterious. He must decline any discussion about it; he did not want their assistance; "he had fixed upon a person to take charge of his measures in the House of Commons." This person, says Macaulay, was a member who was not connected with the Government, and who never had, nor deserved to have, "the ear of the House." A "noisy, pompous, illiterate demagogue, whose Cockney English, and scraps of mispronounced Latin, were the jest of the newspapers." The newspapers, of course, were the Ministerial ones, the virulent opponents of Lord Chatham's principles, and supporters of the party jealous of his great name. Excellent bases for true and impartial history!

Now, if Macaulay be truthful, we must pronounce the Earl of Chatham a blind fool, who knew nothing of mankind, and was destitute of common discernment. We must call the citizens of London, when hit was much more populous

born. Personal knowledge of Alderman Beckford he could not have had, nor verbal from others at the time he wrote; his allegations, therefore, were made from reading, which must have been very circumscribed, and even unjustly partial, to delineate character so erroneously. I have stated that Croker twice convicted him of errors, which showed he wrote without due inquiry; I trust I have convicted him of a third, too grossly prejudiced to be commendable in an historian; and, but for space, I could point out others equally so, both pro and com, but have, I fear, trespassed already too much upon your space.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

London, July 13, 1860.

ENGLISH FOREIGN LITERATURE. AND

SCIENCE.

Meteorology. From the "Encyclopædia Britannica." By Sir John F. W. Herschel, Bart., K.H., &c. Edinburgh: Adam and C. Black. 1861. 8vo. pp. 288.

Physical Geography. By the same. pp. 441. Meteorology.

THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF ENGLAND is constantly recruited from two sources—the emanations of fresh genius from her own soil, and the attraction of minds of another race and land, who are absorbed into our circle like meteors by the solar atmosphere. To the former source we owe the Stephensons, and Faraday, and Whewell; from the latter we derive the Herschels, who are now entirely our own, and may be counted among the "precious posses-

ons" in the country.

Sir John Herschel has well sustained the reputation of his father; and to the general public he has rendered greater service by exhibit-ing physical science in a style suited to the comprehension of thousands, for whom Newton and Laplace are great names, and nothing more. His writings and life are an answer to those who think that a man can be great in one subject only, and that unusual mental development be great in one subject only, and that unusual mental development in one direction must be attended by dwarfing in another. The philosopher who has directed so many astronomical observations, who has guided the telescope and catalogued the stars, has also cleansed the Augean stable of the Mint, penned the best geological sketch of Sandown Bay, and plied the towing-net for Pteropoda in the South Atlantic.

How different a spectacle is presented by physical geography as taught by Humboldt, Somerville, and Herschel, from what it used to a most uninviting science, a world half unknown and unintelligible, covered with clouds and darkness, or revealing the dim forms of savages engaged in horrid wars, "inhabitants without man-ners, and customs most abominable." Now it is all subjected to law and order, shown as much in the movements of the storm as in the flow of the tide and the succession of the seasons; and although we cannot of the tide and the succession of the seasons; and although we cannot say that deluges in one country and drought in another, and earthquake and famine may not still afflict the earth, yet we have the strongest reason to believe that such visitations will be rare and limited in extent; that, taking the whole world, there will be an almost uniform production of food and textile produce, just as there is a nearly uniform supply of solar light and heat; and that, "while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and day and night, and summer and winter, shall not cease." Now then we consider the races of men, the nationalities which too, when we consider the races of men, the nationalities which possess the earth, we are irresistibly impelled to speculate on possess the earth, we are irresistinly impened to spectate of their relationship, the cause and date of their diversities, the place of their origin, and the line of their migration. And as fast as our knowledge becomes sufficiently extensive we must apply the same method of investigation to the nations of animals and plants. Thus, ethnology and all the branches of natural history, including paleontology (or the natural history of the former world), are connected with geography.

We did not think, until we had seen Sir John Herschel's "Meteorology," that the subject was possessed of so much interest, or could

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be invested with a readable charm. Not that we are indifferent about climate, or insensible to "skyey influences," but we shall never become weather-wise by means of mathematical formulæ, and are thankful to have the road made easy. The author has "availed himself of the opportunity" afforded by these reprints to make a few corrections and additions to the original text, some of which will claim our more

opportunity" afforded by these reprints to make a few corrections and additions to the original text, some of which will claim our more particular attention.

Sir John adopts the theory of the heated condition of the interior of the globe as a balance to the force of gravitation, but he does not think it has any effect on the external temperature. We have sometimes imagined that such an influence might be traced in the peculiar climate of the southern extremity of America, when reading the speculations of geologists about molten lakes beneath the Andes; and the same thought has been suggested by the occurrence of the acutus growing wild on an island in the Lake of the Woods, in the latitude of Paris, but in a climate which ought to be much more severe.

One of the subjects which has received particular notice is the decrement of temperature upwards, so obvious in ascending mountains; for while the density of the atmosphere diminishes in geometrical progression, so that at 100 miles it is a thousand-million times less than at the surface, the decrease of temperature upwards has been assumed at the miform rate of one degree for 400 feet. The author considers this improbable in itself, and inconsistent with the observations made in balloon ascents, from which he concludes there is a definite relation between temperature upwards is the difference in the quality of solar and terrestrial heat; the luminous heat of the sun passes freely through the air and is absorbed at the surface of the earth, from which it is again given out as obscure heat, and in this condition is chiefly arrested by the lower strata of the atmosphere. The experiments of Prof. Tyndall show that a gas or vapour of perfect transparency, as regards light, may act upon radiant heat like an opaque screen, which it is almost impossible to penetrate.

The winds hold the first place as meteorological agents, effecting a constant circulation of heat and moisture in the regions of their, and causing currents in the ocean. The account of them here given is

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The chapter on radiation fogs and river mists opens a subject of considerable importance to those who have a choice of residence.

If the ground slope ever so little towards a valley, the cold air will ran downwards, and depress the mean temperature of the mixture, producing fog. . . . In the Weald of Kent, a district abounding in grassy slopes and winding and branching valleys, in the calm clear nights which are there so frequent, beautiful instances of radiation-fog are of perpetual occurrence. Immediately after sunset, in clear weather, dew commences—streams of cold air set downwards, following the lines of shortest descent, their course being marked with mist, thin and filmy at first, but acquiring density in its downward progress, and by degrees filling the valleys with fog, which, in the morning before sunrise, presents exactly the aspect of a winding lake or river of water, whose surface, perfectly even and horizontal, runs a sharply defined level line round every promontory and into every retreating nook. . . It is a matter of ordinary remark that the spring frosts are severer in hollows and low grounds than on slopes and heights.

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In the old times both halls and cottages were built in hollow valleys for convenience and shelter; now we prefer the hill-side, and obtain at once a better prospect and more healthy site. Dr. Mühry states that pulmonary consumption is a disease unknown among the inhabitants of very elevated regions, and it is certainly less frequent in our own hill districts than in the valleys. We need go no farther than Highgate to see how much better the evergreens and biennials stood the frost of last winter on the rising ground than in the suburban region below.

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The rain-gauge is a meteorological instrument which every one feels competent to manage; yet some of its indications still require confirmation, and "their real cause is yet to seek." The rain-gauge on the top of York Minster, 213 feet from the ground, has shown a rain-fall of 14.9 inches; while another gauge at the bottom of the tower register 25.7 inches. So unexpected a result led the recorder to suggest that possibly the upper rain-gauge might suffer from the thirst of visitors who had toiled to the summit, while the lower instrument might receive other contributions than those of the weather. We have seen a country gentleman's rain-gauge so contrived that the lambs used to drink out of it.

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When speaking of the snow-level in the Himalaya, Sir John Herschel adheres to Humboldt's statement, that it is three or four thousand feet higher on the northern than on the southern side of the mountains: "The moist winds of the south-west monsoon deposit their

snow almost wholly on the south side, while the north is exposed to the evaporation of one of the driest regions of the globe." For the same reason the snow-line on the eastern slope of the Cordillera in Chile lies at 15,900 feet, on the western side it rises to 18,500. We notice this, because Keith Johnson, in his "Physical Atlas," and Mr. Bohn, in his edition of "Cosmos," have stated the reverse. We should like to see added to that atlas a good map of the world with all the snowy mountains indicated by colour:

A curious illustration has been added in a note on thunder-storms:

The successive discharges of electricity being occasioned by the condensation of vapour into water-drops... it is the commonest of all phenomena to find each great flash succeeded by a sudden rush of rain at such an interval of time as may be supposed to have been occupied in its descent... Quite recently a personal friend was returning home from a walk while a thunder storm seemed brewing. It came on rapidly, and he found himself suddenly prostrated "on all fours" by a flash of lightning—a shock which was not, however, strong enough to deprive him for more than a few instants of self-possession, and not at all of consciousness. It did not rain, or but little, when he was struck; but when he got up, he was drenched to the skin.

Climatology next engages our attention; and here we may observe how seldom any notice is taken of the change of style which was made 110 years ago. If Christmas fell on "Twelfth-night," we should often get some Christmas weather, as in the "good old times." And if May-day happened a fortnight later, lads and lasses might go a maying, as in the days of the Stuarts, with some chance of gathering flowers as well as thorns. The return of cold weather about the 14th of February, which makes St. Valentine's Day about the "average coldest" in the year, is still an unexplained phenomenon.

Further on Sir John gives an elaborate account of "Supernumerary Rainbows," those coloured fringes which are often seen in the interior of the primary rainbow, and more rarely at the exterior of the secondary bow. They were explained by Dr. Young on the "fertile principle of interferences," and are only visible when, owing to some peculiar condition of rain the drops are mostly of equal diameter. Climatology next engages our attention; and here we may observe

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Another difficult subject is the polarization of sky-light, which may be detected by examining, with a tourmaline, a prepared section of Iceland-spar, or a natural cleavage-section of topaz, or even of mica. It is greatest at 90° from the sun, and therefore cannot be caused by reflection from vapour, or air of a different temperature. But even the blue colour of the sky is a puzzle. Goethe attributed it to minute particles diffused through the atmosphere and seen against the blackness of infinite space; "these particles," says Professor Tyndall, "are doubtless the condensed vapour of water, and its variation in quantity and amount enables us to understand the variability of the firmamental blue, and of the morning and the evening red." "The blue light is reflected light; but when the solar beams have traversed a great length of air, as in the morning or the evening, they are yellow, or an orange, or even blood-red, according to the state of the atmosphere." Sir J. Herschel says it is the haze of the lower regions of the air which absorbs the violet rays and lets pass the red.

We were rather surprised to find the author still quoting the observation of Humboldt "on the lateral refraction of a star," as seen from the Peak of Teneriffe. Considering the youth and inexperience of the afterwards distinguished traveller, the hastiness of his ascent, and the fact that he never again witnessed anything of the kind—we should be contented to adopt the explanation of Mr. Piazzi Smyth, who discovered a volcanic hot-air vent, close to the spot where the phenomenon was seen sixty-two years ago.

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We shall not have many comments to make on the physical part of the "Geography." Sir John takes us as it were by the hand, and shows us all that is passing on the globe. We are reminded of that famous scene in "Zanoni," where the immortals watch the doings upon earth from the nebulous stratum of an infant planet; and of that more famous exhibition of all the kingdoms of the world from a mountain "exceeding high." To praise his narrative would be more presumptuous than to criticise—and less in our line. After stating those facts, of greatest magnitude and importance, which we learn from astronomy and geology, the author proceeds:

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Hence, then, we come to perceive that the actual configuration of our continents and islands, the coast lines of our maps, the direction and elevation of our mountain chains, the courses of our rivers, and the soundings of our ceans, are not things primordially arranged in the construction of our gobe, but results of successive and complex actions on a former state of things; that again, of similar actions on another still more remote.

The revelations of geology assure us, further, that in each of those successive submersions and reconstructions of the continents, fresh corresponding races of animals, and a new and different clothing of vegetation have been introduced—the one perishing off as the others have come into existence; nay, that even the denizens of the ocean itself have had no exemption from this great law of change—which, however, has not operated, either by a gradually progressive variation of species, nor by a sudden and total abolition of one race, and introduction of another entirely new, but by a series of overlappings, leaving the last portion of each in co-existence with the earlier members of the newer series. Higher forms of being, moreover, appear at every stage of the process, up to the final and culminating point of humanity, and the existing order of things."

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What changes the continents have undergone in the long past of geological time, it is not for us now to inquire; the data already obtained are numerous, but hitherto almost unconsidered, save by a few speculative minds. That their growth or decay was exceeding slow we may believe from all experience and observation; slow enough to allow the pre-existing vegetation to spread over new land as it rose from the sea, and slow enough to allow the animated tribes a chance of emigrating when their old haunts gradually became un-

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fitted for them. Sometimes a line of mountain-coast may have resisted the oceanic currents for long ages, like the western barrier of America; and sometimes a great shallow or a shelving shore may have grown more rapidly into a plain. The excavation of our own channel within the human (if not within the historic) period, shows the reality of these operations, even where the erosive action of the aves is unaided by any considerable change of level.
Sir John Herschel mentions, but only to set aside, one or two crude

suggestions which have been put forth to account for the forms of the ent continents; he attributes most influence to the ocean currents, and infers the agency of other, as yet unknown causes. The fact that London is the centre of the hemisphere containing the greatest

quantity of land

Is instructive, as it proves the force by which the continents are sustained to be one of tumefaction, inasmuch as it indicates a situation of the centre of gravity of the total mass of the earth somewhat eccentric relatively to that of the general figure of the external surface—the eccentricity lying in the direction of our antipodes—and is therefore a proof of the comparative lightness of the materials of the terrestrial hemisphere. . . . There are other peculiarities also, of which no account can be rendered, but which yet, being of frequent occurrence, would seem to point to some general cause determining the direction of those movements by which the rise of the land from the sea-bed has been effected. We allude to the very evident tendency of the outlines of coasts to run out into peninsular projections, having a meridional direction, or a near approach to such.

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In speculating on the forms of the present continents, one element, and that of the highest importance, has hitherto been omitted, i.e., the relative antiquity of the land. At present we have no geological evidence to prove the positive age of numerous regions; but it may be possible to show that the existing dry land originated at many very different epochs, by the indications their vegetation and animal inhabitants afford. And then, by comparing their antiquity and the kind of change they are now undergoing, we may possibly obtain a clue to the cause of their present configuration. It was for botanists and veolegists to supply the facts but only to referentelessing. nists and zoologists to supply the facts, but only to paleontologists would the conclusion be apparent that the southern promontories and

would the conclusion be apparent that the southern promontories and islands are the oldest land, and that the wasting and breaking up to the southward has been going on from a period of the highest antiquity—we had almost said from the beginning of time.

As Sir John Herschel has acknowledged the doctrine of "progress," we may assume that zoological rank is inverse to geological antiquity. And we will cite the authority of Mr. Waterhouse (whose contributions to Keith Johnston's "Atlas" has been so much used in the preparation of this treatise) for stating that the fauna of the southern hemisphere generally, is inferior in rank and intelligence to that of the north. A great part of it has only survived down to our time by virtue of impassable barriers of seas and deserts, which have preverted the more modern races from dispossessing them, in the same way that agricultural settlers have everywhere displaced the nomade tribes of men. The sloths and armadillos of South America, the marsupials of Australia, and equally singular quadrupeds of the Cape, also the wingless birds—noblest inhabitants of New Zealand and the Massarana Islands—all had their representatives in the northern hemialso the wingless birds—noblest inhabitants of New Zealand and the Mascarene Islands—all had their representatives in the northern hemisphere in former times, along with tribes of plants now (like the Proteads) peculiar to the south. With us they only exist as the fossil reliques of an older and ruder age; in their present country they have

reliques of an older and ruder age, in the probability of the origin of man in Dr. Pickering has compared the probability of the origin of man in tropical Africa or India, and decideded in favour of the former. We, guided by analogy as well as prejudice, would rather say the intermediate country—Arabia—was his birth-place; the country also of the camel, man's first, and long his most valued servant, and the property of the camel, most of our domestic animals and ancient foodoriginal habitat of most of our domestic animals and ancient food-

original national of most of our domestic limited plants, if ever they were wild at all.

Quitting this region, in whatever direction we advance, we encounter a succession of faunas and floras resembling those which geologic ter a succession of faunas and floras resembling those which geologic records tell us were once predominant over a wider area, and extended even to our own land. The region of great apes, now limited to the country of the gorilla and chimpanzee in Africa, the orang and gibbon in South-eastern Asia, formerly extended at least to the Himalaya and the South of France; even they, the most "anthropoid" of beasts, have seen better days. Their associates, the slephant and rhipageness himageness and gireffe lion and tiper, and the slephant and rhipageness himageness and gireffe lion and tiper, and the slephant and rhipageness himageness and gireffe lion and tiper, and the slephant and rhipageness himageness and gireffe lion and tiper, and the slephant and rhipageness himageness and gireffe lion and tiper. elephant and rhinoceros, hippopotamus and giraffe, lion and tiger, are also prominent members of a nation older than that of which we claim also prominent members of a nation older than that of which we claim to be the chief; there is no harmony between us and them; we can turn them to no good account, and they are disappearing before us. It is said there is only one herd of zebras remaining in South Africa. In India the rhinoceros has lost 500 miles of territory since the days of Berber; and the elephants, which roamed beneath the shadow of Mount Atlas in the Punic Times, must now be sought across the Great Desert a thousand miles away.

All the land north of the great Asiatic platform and north of the European mountain-systems is of late geological origin, and has been peopled from the south—as we had occasion to point out in connection with Sir John Richardson's "Polar Regions." But on the other side of the Alps and Himalaya the case is reversed, and the stream of migration has been from north to south. Ceylon is older than India; Sumatra older still; Java yet more ancient; and between Timor and New Guinea there is an unfathomed sea which has rolled, impassable, for many an age. The Cape, as we have said, has a very peculiar fauna; and Madagascar, which is connected with Eastern Africa, and has also zoological relations with India, is older than either. The Australian continent, though connected with India in the north, and still more remotely with the Cape in its south-east angle, is like another world, both as regards its animals and plants or like a portion of the old *Oolitic ages* come down to us unchanged; yet in Tasmania many animals have found refuge which had become extinct on the continental island without the interference of man.

In the West Indies and central regions of the New World we find analogous conditions. The tapirs, opossums, alligators, snapping-turtles, and many land-shells, resemble those of Europe in the older Tertiary times, and there is no gradual transition of type northward, but a sudden change; so that—as Buffon was well aware—we are but a sudden change; so thatcompelled to believe in a more intimate connection of the great continents at some former time. The whole group of American monkeys is different from, and inferior to, the Old World set; but they also once numbered more giant forms, whose remains now slumber in Brazilian caves. The great edentate animals of South America have degenerated from the megatherium and glyptodon to the armadillo and

sloth; their epoch has long gone by.

The oceanic islands, from New Zealand to the Galapagos and Juan
Fernandez, have no indigenous quadrupeds, and form a province
apart, as Mr. Waterhouse pointed out. And the suggestion is of the
highest interest, if, as we believe, it implies that those islands became

insulated before the origin of the highest type of vertebrate existence.

We cannot pursue this subject any further now, but having quoted
Sir John Herschel's expressions on the origin of species, we are bound
to refer to a note he has added since the publication of Mr. Darwin's

WORK (p. 12):

We can no more accept the principle of arbitrary and casual variation and natural selection as a sufficient account, per se, of the past and present organic world, than we can receive the Laputan method of composing books as a sufficient one of Shakespeare and the Principia. Equally in either case, an intelligence, guided by a purpose, must be continually in action to bias the directions of the steps of change—to regulate their amount—to limit their divergence—and to continue them in a definite course. . . . Granting this, and with some demur as to the genesis of man, we are far from disposed to repudiate the view taken of this mysterious subject in Mr. Darwin's work.

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The weak part of this physical geography, as might be expected, is that which relates to natural history. Yet we have looked to this part with much interest, wishing to see what views would be taken by a philosopher trained in the school of the exact sciences. In the details there are many little inaccuracies which might have been avoided by sending the proofs to a zoological friend; such as the statement that the ornithorhynchus lays eggs (p. 338). We may also remark that the European beaver (Castor fiber) so closely resembles its American relative (C. Canadensis), that Linneus considered them of the same species (p. 342). No kangaroo is found in Java (p. 337). of the same species (p. 342). No kangaroo is found in Java (p. 337), the one mentioned by K. Johnston being a native of New Guinea. The *Deinornis*, again, belongs exclusively to New Zealand; it was once thought possible that living individuals might still linger in the unknown interior of the middle island; but by no chance can it "survive in Australia," where we have the best reason to believe it with the living individuals might still linger in the unknown interior of the middle island; but by no chance can it "survive in Australia," where we have the best reason to believe it never existed. When speaking of the rapidity and ease with which some animals and plants have been naturalised in Australia, it is said: "Already the song of the nightingale and the lark has begun to be heard in its woods" (p. 331). This is no doubt a mistake, and has probably arisen from our colonists' habit of naming the living creatures of their adopted country after those of their former home. The custom is as old as the wanderings of the human race, and is cited by Chateaubriand among other indications of that "love of country" the beauty of the country. by which, as by an invisible magnet, Providence has affixed the feet of each individual to his native soil, and without which the world would be half unpeopled. "Sometimes it is a cottage arranged like the paternal habitation; sometimes it is a wood, a valley, a hill, on which we bestow the sweet appellations of our native land. Andromache gives the name of Simois to a little rill, which recalls the idea mache gives the name of Simoïs to a little rill, which recalls the idea of a river of her native country."

As we have already referred to Sir John Herschel's fishing experiments we will add, that we cannot recommend "Urling's Patent ments we will add, that we cannot recommend "Orling's Facent Lace" as a material for a towing-net (p. 32); it could only be used in a dead calm, and would be carried away, fish and all, by a breeze of four knots an hour. We should employ the coarse canvas used by paper hangers, and half suspect the "patent lace" was a cap of Lady

hangers, a Herschel's.

We are disposed to adopt the author's spelling of the term "water-sched," which signifies the line of separation of adjacent river-systems; but we should be reluctant to employ Italian orthography for Indian names, which are already varied beyond the power of recogni-tion. The statement (at p. 77) that atolls, or circular coral-reefs, "crown the summits of extinct and submarine volcanoes," has long "crown the summits of extinct and submarine volcances," has long been abandoned by geologists; they are very likely based on volcanic mountains, but their shape can be explained without attributing it to the influence of a crateriform foundation. We were much more distressed, however, by meeting with a notion which we had fancied was our own property, but here it is: Sir John says that the volcanic vents in the range of Celestial Mountains "mark it out to have been one of the ancient coast lines of elevation (an indication, on the great scale quite as convincing as the traces of ancient sea heaches on a one of the ancient coast lines of elevation (an indication, on the great scale, quite as convincing as the traces of ancient sea-beaches on a small one) of a former tropical continent, to which the great plain of northern Europe and Asia form an appendage which is in continual process of extension" (p. 164).

In the account of the Geysers (p. 178) we de not find any reference to Bunsen's theory, which always appeared to us the most satisfactory that had been proposed. According to his view, the water in

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violence.

In the explanation of slaty cleavage (p. 274), it is said to be caused by pressure determining the direction of infinitesimal films of mica; but the microscope shows no such particles in some of the best roofing slates, nor is their presence necessary, for cleavage may be artificially produced in the most homogeneous substances—"puff-paste" exhibits it remarkably. Sir John objects that it has not been shown how the pressure originated, or why it is always lateral. It is not so, however; for the pressure may come in any direction, only when it is vertical (or rather, we should say, perfectly at right angles to the stratification) its effects are undistinguishable from the original bedding or lamination. Cleavage planes are inclined at every angle to the horitanination. Cleavage planes are inclined at every angle to the horizon, and are uninfluenced by the curves of the strata through which they pass. Their strike is always parallel to the general direction of the lines of elevation, so that we must attribute them to a common cause; the upheavals which produced the anticlinal and syndinal axes cause; the upneavais which produced the anticinal and syndinal axes also occasioned the pressure which produced cleavage. Sir J. Herschel thinks these foldings of the strata may have originated in the deep basins of the ocean during the accumulation of the lowest strata of sediment, by displacing the incidence of pressure on its bed.

We have also received: a pamphlet containing Memorandums and Recollections of Gout and Rheumatism, and their Treatment. By Edward Duke Moore, L.R.C.P.E., &c. (S. Churchill.)

RELIGION.

Tracts for Priests and People. No. II. The Mote and the Beam:

a Clergyman's Lessons for the present Panic. By the Rev. F. D.

Maurice, Incumbent of St. Peter's, Vere-street. Cambridge and London: Macmillan and Co. 1861. pp. 73.

WE HAVE ALREADY NOTICED BRIEFLY the opening tract of this series, written by Mr. Hughes, and we will now glance as briefly at Mr. Maurice's "lessons for the present panic." The writer commences with asking, now that the excitement raised by the publication of "Essays and Reviews" has somewhat abated, whether it would not be just as well that those eight thousand clergymen who were so zealous against the Essayists should reflect upon their own shortcomings as well as upon those of their neighbours. He speaks of the tone of the Westminster Reviewer—himself an Oxford man—as defiant and contemptuous when he speaks of his seniors, and serious and even pathetic when he adverts to his contemporaries:

And there are other reluctant testimonies on the same side. Mr. Hughes has confessed, in the first tract of this series, that his experience of the young men of the day whose minds have been formed at Oxford coincides in essentials with that of the Reviewer. We clergymen are not qualified to contradict such authorities. Young men count it a rudeness to tell us what they think. They suspect that we only half accept the confessions which we make with our lips; why should they force us to endanger our position? If we have no doubts, why should they force us to endanger our position? If we have no doubts, why should they force us to endanger our position? If we have no doubts, why should they force us to endanger our position? If we have no doubts, why should they force us to endanger our position? If we have no doubts, why should they force us to endanger our position? If we have no doubts, why should they force us to endanger our position? If we have no doubts, why should they force us to endanger our position? If we have no doubts, why should they force us to endanger our position? If we have no

The Essayists and Reviewers, says Mr. Maurice (and few who have The Essayists and Reviewers, says Mr. Maurice (and few who have ever thought twice about the matter will say otherwise), are not answerable for creating the state of doubt and alarm which is so generally felt by young thinkers on theological subjects. "All of us have been instruments in creating it, so far as we have substituted arguments against opponents for belief in a living God, and charity to living men." The young men who feel these doubts are undoubtedly far more earnest and honest than the light-headed, frivolous creature who trains for holy orders just in the same spirit that he did for a boat-race, and who dons his gown and cassock just as much as a matter of routine as he did his flannel shirt.

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Mr. Maurice proceeds to criticise the spirit of the several Essayists. What, he asks, makes Dr. Temple's "essay disappointing, almost heart-breaking, to those who had hoped so much from it?" He answers thus:

Dr. Temple represents the Jewish people as existing to teach Monotheism to the world. The calling of a man, a family, a nation—the growth, the sins, the punishment of the man, the family, the nation—all that Divine human record—is only to tell mankind not to worship a great many gods. Oh! miserable result of law, history, prophecy! Miserable substitute for the revelation of the living God, from whose service all idolatries are deflections, in whose worship all the partial worships of the nations must be united!

Mr. Jowett's essay (of which more than a year ago we spoke in almost precisely similar terms) "leaves on my mind," writes Mr. Maurice, "a sense of an inward belief, of an honesty, a devotion, which words cannot express, which must come forth in the life of a man," such as no other essay does. He continues:

Mr. Jowett feels deeply that the one book may do much more for us than the hundred. What he should have told us is, that it must do more than the hundred—that it must be better than all its interpreters—because it witnesses directly of God; because it sends the wisest and the weakest to Him.

The conclusion to which Mr. Maurice has been led by the Essays

Theology and science present themselves to men in Oxford as two antagonistic principles or powers, which some ingenious person may possibly be able to reconcile. At present the scheme of reconciliation is either to give up certain

opinions about theology which are incompatible with science, or certain opinions about science which are incompatible with theology. But, in fact, it is the worship of opinions which is enslaving both theology and science, and nowhere enslaving them more than at the University. Can we affirm that anything is? If not, what becomes of science? What is to come of our abstractions and generalisations? Can we say that God is? If not, what is theology? The new physical science at Oxford will become merely a metaphysical talk about physics—the orthodoxy and heterodoxy of Oxford will become merely a metaphysical talk about God—if we shrink from this question. All studies will suffer the same fate. The study of history will be a talk about progressive or conservative notions. The study of language will be a talk about races.

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We would remind Mr. Maurice, however, that the prevailing neology of the day insists that science is strong, and that theology is weak; and that this neology will not, cannot, be satisfied with mere appeals to a want of faith, however earnest and energetic.

Now, as then, there is a cry for a God in whom peasants as well as scholars may trust, who cares to deliver both from the yoke of visible tyrants and of their own fancies and vanities. Let only a few men at Oxford declare that they believe in such a God, that they are sure His Kingdom is indeed established and will have no end; the voice, like that of the monk in a much smaller, younger university of Germany, will reach thousands of hearts.

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They (the young men of the present generation) have gone beneath all these controversies. They smile at those who fancy they can meet their difficulties by some modification of our demands upon their assent to our standards. Is there a Will governing human beings at all? is there any will in man to be governed? Here is the doubt with which their minds are baunted, by which some of them, I hope and believe, are tortured. I do not venture to believe it about all. I know there may be for a time a delighted acquiescence in the sense of a mere natural order, which no Will has created, over which no Will presides. Even that delight, because it indicates something of passion and fervour, because it implies a will in those who entertain it, troubles me less than the cold contented indifference of numbers who have actually in their hearts cast off the belief of any Divine Will, who think that God has no concern with the movements of nations, or with anything which interests them, and who, therefore, do not care how much we talk, and argue, and preach; who, therefore, wish us to put down all who break in upon our quiet assumptions; who do not like our orthodoxy to be shaken, because they hold it to be a lie. It is with this atheism that we have to fight; this is more terrible than all strange doctrines; this gives the virus to them all.

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Faith is the panacea for everything with Mr. Maurice, and certainly it is so to those who have no doubts; but we hardly think that it will be any great consolation to those "young men" of whom Mr. Maurice speaks. A man like Mr. Maurice, who is a teacher in Israel, should speaks. A man like Mr. Maurice, who is a teacher in Israel, should recollect that he speaks not as other men speak; that each word which falls from him is listened to with eagerness, and brings dismay or consolation with it to many. If he has nothing to say to those who cannot help doubting, save that they ought to believe, we hold that, although he does this with all his wonted kindness and consideration for the feelings of others, he had better have held his peace.

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Physico-Prophetical Essays. By the Rev. W. Lister, F.G.S. (Longmans pp. 455.)—Notwithstanding the arduous duties connected with a vicarage, a rural deanery, and a chaplaincy to the Earl of Beverley, Mr. Lister has found time to write four hundred and fifty-five pages (including index), upon a subject which, in our opinion, is not worth the setting-up of type. However, we are perfectly well aware that there are persons who think differently, and to them Mr. Lister's book may be a source of both pleasure and, in their ideas, profit. He discusses the locality of Christ's future kingdom, and decides that it will be "this earth;" and he seems to dwell more than is at all necessary upon the fact that there will be "no more sen:" he has probably suffered very much in his time from sea-sickness, and that fact may account for his emphasis. The millennium he upholds, but simply as "a transition state between the present and the eternal one." The body after resurrection will be material, but not subject to disease, pain, and death, and "distinguished by avisible brightness," like the face of Moese when he came down from the mount. Besides the new or renewed earth, there will be probably the New Jerusalem above it; this we take to be the city which is to be 1500 miles high, rising from the surface of the earth. Between this possible phenomenon and the rings of Saturn Mr. Lister sees some analogy, and gives diagrams of the earth with the New Jerusalem upon the top of it, and of Saturn with his rings, that the curious, or we ought perhaps to say earnest inquirer, may make a comparison of dimensions. Now, we may be very blind, but we cannot see the least advantage to be derived from this sort of thing: we cannot see the least advantage to be derived from this sort of thing: we cannot see in any part of it he least incentive to a holy life, and we imagine that the truly pious soul would care little in wha

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possess M. Haug as a citizen, he would not have a more numerous and equally attentive body of listeners. His pains would certainly deserve it: It is quite clear that he has pursued his labours with an unflinching pertinacity which we cannot better describe than by saying that it is thoroughly German. His lecture is, from the nature of things, meagre, and the publication of it is evidently intended only as a kind of preparation for the reception of his "Essays on the Sacred Writings and Religion of the Parsees," which he gives us hope that we may see in the course of the present year. How the Parsees will relish being set right upon matters affecting their own religion by "an outsider" we cannot say—probably as well as most people; but they will be undoubtedly startled to find the epoch which they assign to the appearance of their great prophet antedated by about eight centuries. M. Haug fixes the age of Zarathustra, or Zoroaster, at about 1300 B.C.

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We have also received: a pamphlet entitled Anti-Essays: the "Essays and Reviews" of 1806, Fallacious and Fatile. By the Rev. C. H. Davis, M.A. (Simpkin, Marshall, and Co.)—A Treatise on the Habitations of the Dead, Intermediate and Final. By Major Philip Bolton. (Houlston and Wright.)—"The Just Shall Live by Faith:" an Essay on Our Redeemer Sacrifice.—Streaks of Light; or, Fifty-two Facts from the Bible for the Fifty-two Sundays of the Year. By the Author of "Peep of Day." (Hatchard and Co.)—Nos. III., IV., and V. of "Tracts for Priests and People." No. III. The Atonement as a Fact, and as a Theory. By the Rev. F. Garden. No. IV. The Signs of the Kingdom of Heaven. By the Rev. F. Garden. No. IV. The Signs of the Kingdom of Heaven. By the Rev. Church. By J. N. Laugley, M.A. (Cambridge and London: Maemillan and Co.)—A pamphlet on The Scripture Law of Marriage, with Reference to the Prohibited Degrees. By John Macrae. (Edinburgh: Myles Macphail.)—"Essays and Reviews." Thoughts on Miracles. By A. V., M.A. (Wertheim, Macintosh, and Hunt.)—On Miracles: an Argument in Reply to the Third of the "Essays and Reviews." By the Rev. E. H. Carr, M.A. (Hatchard and Co.)—The Prophecies of Daniel Collated and Expounded. By F. B. Hooper. (J. and F. H. Rivington.)—Reply to Pr. Wild and the "Edinburght: a Defence of the Bishops and the Memorialists. By F. B. Hooper. (J. and F. H. Rivington.)—Reply to Pr. Wild and the "Edinburght: a Defence of the Bishops of the Revelation of Jesus Christ by John. Expounded by F. B. Hooper. (J. and F. H. Rivington.)—Truth Mixed with Fection: Sundry Ecclesiastical Memoirs. (G. Manwaring.)—"Essays and Reviews." A Protest addressed to the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on the Appearance of

FICTION.

Glencreggan; or, a Highland Home in Cantire. By Cuthbert Bede. 2 vols. London: Longman, Green, Longman, and Roberts.

THIS WORK is a record of a visit paid by the author to an outlying district of the Scottish Highlands, hitherto little frequented by tourists, yet not without its particular charm and interest. It is, on the whole, an excellent book of its class, genially and agreeably written, and tourists, yet not without its particular charm and interest. It is, on the whole, an excellent book of its class, genially and agreeably written, and with a fresh sense of holiday enjoyment pervading it, which by sympathy communicates itself to the reader. Even if you should not be specially anxious to hear of Cantire and its people, you may while away a pleasant hour or two in rambling with Mr. Cuthbert Bede. The work gives a great deal of interesting and, for such as it may concern, valuable information regarding the district of which it treats. The primitive life of the people, their habits, manners, and local peculiarities, are happily sketched as they lived before the eye of the writer; and the more striking landscape features of the country are set before us, with creditable effect, at once by pen and pencil. As we happen to be familiar with portions of the ground traversed, we can bear testimony, in so far, to the graphic spirit and accuracy of the general picture. In addition to these fruits of personal observation and experience, the author has been at pains to collect, from various sources, a considerable body of facts, scientific, historical, antiquarian. &c., which he judiciously inweaves with the matter more properly his own; thus giving to his work substantive value and a considerable degree of completeness. Not the least interesting feature is the introduction at appropriate intervals of the floating legends of the district, which are often very wildly poetical in conception. Occasionally a rude tale is to be recognised as current—with curious variations—in other parts of Scotland.

The book is, perhaps, a little too lengthy; and its freshness is somewhat impaired at times by the quotation of pages of description from previous writers, which we pay Mr. Bede the compliment of thinking he could quite as well himself have supplied. We can tolerate and even be grateful for an occasional bold and beautiful outburst of Christopher North, who, of all writers, has most thoroughly caught and conveyed the spirit of Highland landscape alike in its gloom and glory; but we object to being dosed with such people as prosy Pennant and Macculloch.

One other little objection. Mr. Cuthbert Bede is apparently under some strange delusion to the effect that to be witty is a duty which he owes to himself and to society. Under the influence of this he is apt now and then to force fun at us in a manner sufficiently deplorable. As instance, in approaching the hill country, "We feel exultant and delirious, and murmur, as in a mad moment, something about our heart being in the Hielands, a chasing the deer, and a following the roe? which statement, so far as we can keep our brains clear to guess at its meaning, may be a possible pun upon the heart or hart, as having some affinity with the deer and the roe; or it may perchance refer remotely to the belief in the transmigration of the soul." Obviously Mr. Cuthbert Bede considers this a pleasantry of the first water. That it is so we are scarcely in a position to deny, being so stupid as to be unable to see any glimmering of meaning whatever in it. We are willing in this case to believe the wit to exist, though in its exquisite subtlety and refinement, impalpable to our grosser perceptions. But what of the following? The writer is setting out for a walk on the heath, and he thus announces his intention: "As Tamora says in 'Titus Andronicus,' walk on the heath, and he thus announces his intention: "As Tamora says in 'Titus Andronicus,

'Now will I hence to seek my lovely moor!'"

That joke there can be no mistake about—we can quite take the measure of that one; the modesty we exhibited with regard to the previous one would here be somewhat out of place. And so enamoured is the writer with his own brilliancy in this instance, that he presently repeats himself. This time he is going to sketch, while his friends are grouse-shooting; accordingly he says, "I, within hearing of their guns, enjoy myself more quietly after my own fashion, and say with Iago—

"Myself the while will draw the Moor apart."

Can anything be much more depressing? We are a little at a loss to know whether Mr. Cuthbert Bede considers his joke so superlative as fairly to come within the category of good stories, which proverbially will bear to be twice told, or desires to exhibit himself to the reader as a person who has read Shakespeare. Of the two, if we wish to pay a compliment to Mr. Bede's intelligence, we are clearly bound to suppose compliment to Mr. Bede's intelligence, we are clearly bound to suppose the latter; but in neither case can we think he appears to advantage. These are, however, but slight blemishes on a work, which, in its kind, is to be commended, and which has given us considerable pleasure. We ought to say in conclusion, that the book is most handsomely got up; and that, as specimens of anateur talent, the landscape illustrations with which it is enriched, particularly in their effects of air and space, are extremely creditable to the author.

The Leighs; or, the Discipline of Daily Life. By Miss Palmer. With illustrations by Walter Ray Woods. (James Hogg and Sons. pp. 267.)

—A little homely tale, illustrating parts of moral education by describing the trials and lessons of a clever, wayward nature. It will win readers.

POETRY.

Political Poems and Songs relating to English History, composed during the period from the Accession of Edward III. to that of Richard III. Edited by Thomas Wright, Esq., M.A., F.S.A., &c., Corresponding Member of the Institute of France. Published the authority of the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury, under the direction of the Master of the Rolls. Vol. II. London: Longmans. 1861. pp. 429.

THE POLITICAL POEMS AND SONGS in the volume before us, like the generality of such compositions in every age. are be

us, like the generality of such compositions in every age, are by no means remarkable for the excellence of their poetry. Nor, indeed, historically is the present volume so interesting as we were inclined to suppose before we made trial of its pages; and this, though we duly hold, with Selden and Lord Macaulay, that ballads and libels often show the complexion of the times better than more solid writings.

The volume opens with a complimentary Latin poem on King Henry IV., not otherwise interesting than as being probably the latest which ever came from the pen of that accomplished trimmer, John Gower, upon whom now torea senectus, to use his own phrase, was pressing heavily, and who, warned by the loss of his eye-sight, declares his intention of leaving letters to a younger generation. In some English verses written about the same time, the poet earnestly commends the blessings of peace to King Henry, and unconscious of the coming glories of Agincourt, prophecies a time of rest to England. Of the poet himself we only know that, worn out by length of days, he died poet himself we only know that, worn out by length of days, he died in the autumn of 1468, and lies in St. Saviour's Church, Southwark. Wielif had closed his eyes in peace on the last day of the year 1384, and for some fifteen years his followers had enjoyed comparative rest until A.D. 1400, when heretics were ordered to be punished by burning at the stake, and the speedy execution of William Sautré, Rector of St. Orithes, London, showed that the order was no brutum fulment. To this and similar severities we probably owe the controversial poem of Jack Upland or Jack of the Country, in which a countryman is introduced, who addresses a series of very unpalatable questions to the friars, who were the most earnest opponents of Wicliffism. This poem was evidently intended for circulation among the populace, and the friars were so far alarmed that they procured a champion, John of Walsingham, who, under the popular name of Daw Topias, answered the questions propounded by the assailant.

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As poetry the ballads in question are nought; nor even in a historical point of view are they worth very much. The friars are accused of every sin in the decalogue, and their champion replies in language even more violent. To show that there is nothing new under the sun, we may mention that Jack Upland specially charges his antagonists with farming out certain districts to their begging brethren which no intruder might trespass on, and also with stealing children in order to bring them up to their order—a charge which, as Mr. Wright observes, is proved to be true by a collective force of contemporary evidence.

Daw Topias, like a good conservative friar as he was, bewails the evil days on which he had fallen, when he and his brethren were compelled to answer such unseemly questions; and says he is quite ready, although only "a lewid (uneducated) frere," to rebut these shameful charges, which he attempts to do in many hard words, to which his antagonist rejoins in a similar strain. The poems are curious enough, but they hardly throw any very new light upon the relations between the Lollards and friars in Henry IV.'s time. Master Daw Topias gets certainly worsted in the controversy, and appears to dislike the parish priests and the irregular friars nearly as much as the Lollards.

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Henry IV. seems to have dealt pretty impartially with both the contending parties. He put to death the friars for treason, and burned the Lollards for heresy. Indeed, Jack Upland tauntingly reminds his opponent that the king could administer justice with impartiality, as he had lately shown by hanging several of the friars. This had taken place in 1401; but some four years after the feelings of the clergy received a far greater shock. Richard Le Scrope, the Archbishop of York, was executed together with the Earl Marshal, Thomas de Mowbray, for high treason. This is the first instance of a prelate being put to death in England by the sentence of a lay court. A vigorous Latin ballad, evidently the composition of some indignant cleric, protests loudly against this abominable sacrilege. The whole scene is painted forcibly: painted forcibly:

Locus sententiæ patris palatium; Jumento vehitur hine ad supplicium; Cessavit penitus sellæ solatium, Capistro frænum cesserat

The good father's palace was the place wherein sentence was passed upon him, and he was conveyed from Bishopsthorpe to York on the back of a mule in token of disgrace, without the comfort of a saddle, and with a halter for a bridle. The Archbishop died bravely, comforting the youth De Mowbray, whom with poetical exaggeration the poet styles "parvulum." According to the clergy miracles were wrought at the martyr's tomb, and the leprosy which shortened King Henry's days was the fitting punishment for having murdered an arch-bishop.

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We have next a somewhat obscure though curious poem from the pen of Thomas de Elmham, Prior of Lenton, in Nottinghamshire. Prior Thomas was a lover of peace, and, with many wise saws and sentiments, advises the victor of Agincourt to turn his attention to peace. He finds some consolation in the fact that the warrior King, when out of his realms, takes with him a host of greedy overbearing warriors and their followers who plunder and worry the kingdom. The conclusion of the poem is very curious, as containing a veritable account of the death of the king's father, Henry IV. It was the famous Duke of Marlborough who, on being asked what authority he had for a certain historical statement, replied "Shake-speare, the only history of England I ever read." The great soldier's high opinion of Shakespearian history is re-echoed by a modern authority. The late Lord Campbell held that Shakespeare, though careless of dates, is scrupulously accurate in his facts, "insomuch that our notions of the Plantagenet reigns are drawn from him rather than from Rapin or Hume." Certainly from these volumes Shakespeare's facts might be corrected more than once. For instance, Cardinal Beaufort is represented passingly as very different from the detestable impersonation of avarice and cruel ambition which he appears in the historical canvas of our great dramatist. So, too, the Prior of Lenton tells us a different story of Henry IV.'s death. We need not quote the Shakespearian version; but Elmham's story is, as the editor remarks, more simple and less wonderful. He tells us that a false prophecy had been current during the King's life, that he would take the Cross and win the Holy Land, and that by an unforeseen accident he reached the Holy Land, and that by an unforeseen accident he reached the Holy Land, by being carried when dying into the Bethlehem (not the Jerusalem) chamber in Westminster. In verse, n

Ficta prophetia sonuit quam vivus habebat, Quod sibi sancta fuit terra lucranda cruce, Improvisa sibi sacra terra datur nescins hospes, In Bethlem camera West que monasterio.

The metre and construction of the third verse is somewhat puzzling, but the meaning is plain that King Henry did not die in the Jerusalem chamber.

Passing over several minor poems, we come to one of John Lydgate's "On the English Title to the Crown of France," of which the editor naively remarks, "This is one of the numerous metrical productions of the poet Lydgate, and certainly one of the worst." For our part, we have never yet read anything even tolerable from this unwearied versifier; but we think the poem in question so pre-eminently bad, and so little instructive, that it should have been excluded altogether from the volume.

A poem on the coronation of Henry VI. gives a graphic account of the ceremony, from the beginning to the conclusion, when:

Before the Kyng, with his lordis thus sittyng alle Came Phillipe Dymmok ridyng to the halle, Armyd clene with armure so bright, Like as perteymethe unto a woorthy knyght, As the kynges champion by heritage; There redy his body and his gloove to wage, Yif there were any man that wille say the contrary That Kyng Harry the Sixt is crownyd truly.

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King Henry was crowned, in Paris, on the 17th of December, 1430,
and in the 21st of February, 1432, he returned to England—an event
which Lydgate duly celebrates. Next occurred an event which
deeply moved the heart of England. The Duke of Burgundy, Philiple-bon, declared war against England, and laid siege to Calais. His
Flemings retired before the Duke of Gloucester, whose soldiers
plundered and burnt several Burgundian towns, and returned to
Calais laden with plunder. We have a lively description of the siege
of Calais, and the utter discomfiture of the "Frensh and Flemyssch."
Two champions fighting on the English side are especially noticed,
the one, an Irishman, whose doings were a "sportful sight," and the
other a hound belonging to the water-bailiff, who assailed men and
horses right manfully, or rather doggedly.

A more important poem—though in truth there is marvellously
little poetry in it—is the libel or summary of English policy. The
writer was not improbably himself a merchant: at any rate, he appears to have had a very intimate acquaintance with the commercial
affairs of the time, and we can pardon his sorry verse for the sake of
the information we gain from it and the patriotism and good sense of
the writer. He appears to have been acquainted with many of the
great men of the day, and among them were Walter, Baron Hungerford, the Earl of Ormond, and last, but not least, Cardinal Beaufort,
who has been so hardly dealt with by Shakespeare. The key-note of
the writer's policy is the necessity for keeping up the maritime power
of England, and more especially that Englishmen "bee maysteres of
the narrowe see," that is, the straits of Dover, which, as the editor
remarks, were at that time the only passage for the commercial products of the different European countries, commencing with those of
Spain and Flanders, from the latter of which countries commercial p Western Europe, of which Flanders was the chief mart. "The libel" is chiefly occupied with a list of the various commercial products of the different European countries, commencing with those of Spain and Flanders, from the latter of which countries came (though omitted in the list) those "pretty horse-breakers" of the fourteenth century, who gave such trouble to the stout burgher-fathers of the City of London, and whom the ward watchmen sought for diligently each night with their pots of burning tar, in order to lodge them in the cells at the City gates or the Tun in Cornhill. We have accurate invoices of the merchandise of Portugal, Brittany, Scotland, Germany, and the Easterlings (Hanse Towns), Scotland, Genoa, Venice and Florence, Brabant, Zeland and Hainault, Ireland, Wales, and Iceland. Ireland, in particular, was rich in various kinds of product, and among the articles of commerce enumerated we have hides and fish, especially salmon, hake, and herrings—linen and woollen clothes, the furs of martens, hides of deer and other animals, such as the otter, squirrel, hare, sheep, lambs, foxes, &c. The writer holds that the Irish, both for their own profit and in obedience to the King of England, who, by inheritance from his forefathers, was Lord of Ireland, were bound to Englishmen in keeping the command of the sea. He speaks admiringly of goodly havens and bays of Ireland, the great fertility of its soil, the abundance of its gold and silver ore which the "wild Irish" can make no use of. Scarborough, and latterly Bristol, we learn, had traded with Iceland in stock-fish, which island had latterly been visited by so many ships that they could not obtain cargoes sufficient to clear their expenses.

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The Lament of the Duchess of Gloucester is a lively, vigorous ballad of some poetical excellence. Her husband "good Duke Humphrey," as he was styled, with but little claim to that title, had married first of all a flighty, erratic lady, Jacquelina, Countess of Holland, who already had one husband living, the Duke of Brabant. In the suite of the Countess was a young lady named Eleanor Cobham, the daughter of Reginald, Lord Cobham of Sterborough. This lady, who had no reputation for beauty and still less for virtue, had lived with the Duke as his mistress, and ultimately married him, regardless of her mistress the Countess Jacquelina. Henry VI. had so far recognised this lady as to style her "the lady of Gloucester," though not; the Duchess of Gloucester, when a charge of witchcraft was brought against her, several supposed accomplices executed, and she herself confined for life, first of all to Chester Castle, then Kenilworth, and lastly the Isle of Man. Contemporary chronicles give minute descriptions of how the lady was brought one Monday morning from Westminster to the Temple wharf barefooted and bareheaded, clad in a white sheet, and bearing a lighted torch in her hand, and how she was conducted through staring crowds up Fleet-street to St. Paul's Church, where she confessed and extinguished her torch. The ballad in these pages represents the Duchess as lamenting over her fall, and ascribing it to pride and vain glory.

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Other poems follow, none, however, of which are particularly interesting. On the whole we must confess our disappointment with this volume, which does not tell us very much that is new, and which has very little poetry in it. That it has been so carefully edited makes us regret that Mr. Wright had not more sterling stuff to work upon

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Samlade Dikter of Vitalis. (Complete Poetical Works of Vitalis.)

Stockholm: Meijer. pp. 260.

TEALTH IS HOLINESS, and poetry is the nourishment of HEALTH IS HOLINESS, and poetry is the holiness by being the nourishment of health. Poetry is idealism, but, like all true idealism, it is the consecration, not the idealism, but, like all true idealism, it is the consecration, not the annihilation, of reality. No great poet has been unhealthy. His own sorrows, and those of his country, made Dante fierce and bitter, but he soared away from the clouds and storms of earth to a region where afflictions trouble and torture no more. A sad destiny drove Tasso to madness or the brink thereof; yet how little has passed into his most famous productions of the wild fever in his soul! Byron was for a season, or believed himself to be, misanthropic; the bulk, however, of what he wrote has honest blood, genuine muscle, consummate vigour, and one after another he was casting his affectations aside, and was marching to noblest manliness when he was stricken down in the very noon and glory of his being. Shelley—in pure genius, perhaps, as a poet unsurpassed, but whom an evil fate hindered from attaining the completest artistic culture—was foolish enough to call himself an atheist, and did other silly things; nevertheless, his life was a worship of the beautiful, and his utterances glowed with the worship of the beautiful, and his utterances glowed with the divinest spirit of religion, war as he might with theological dogmas, conventionalities, and cant. If, allowably latitudinising, we, like the Germans, expand the word poetry so as to make it include Rousseau—and some have thought him the foremost poet of the last century—we shall find that, after all, poor calumniated Jean Jacques did not depart very far from the health and holiness of Nature. Diseased sensibilities do not prove a diseased individuality. Rousseau's sensibilities were diseased; his individuality as a whole was not. His chief sin was earnestness in a community which was by no means earnest. The aim of his career was to recal men to the simplicity which from his childhood he had beheld in the midst of Alpine grandeurs. His tastes were childlike or manlike, never extravagant or monstrous; his main delights and consolations were botany and music; and that he might the better be free and independent, he condemned himself for long years to the drudgery of copying music. who was the mightiest social reformer of his age; he who was the most victorious regenerator of education the world has ever seen; he who was the solitary as he was the strenuous champion of religion against scoffers and sceptics, could not be the morbid dreamer, the maniac he is commonly and ignorantly represented. The descent is immense from Rosseau to an existence so sunless as that of the Frenchman Gilbert, to an existence so sickly as that of the Englishso sunless as that of the man, Kirke White. Gilbert had the poet's gifts in tolerably large measure; it requires, however, no small amount of courtesy or good nature to receive Kirke White among the poets. Exceedingly slender were his endowments, and altogether he was a mortal sufficiently common-place. Accidental circumstances gave him fame, and theological influences keep his fame alive. But Gilbert and Kirke White admirably and incomparably typify a class whereto the late Sir Egerton Brydges also belonged, in whom the poetical temperament is strong, poetical energy and productivity feeble, and whom we praise because we pity. They interest us principally as pathological studies. Insatiate in aspiring, weak in achievement, they always fail,

except when in eloquent passionate tones recording their failures.

At the head of the Gilbert and Kirke White order of poets, we place the Swede, Vitalis, who, though popular in his own country, is little known in England. For the following sketch of his sad history we are chiefly indebted to the genial, generous, excellent biography

Erik Sjöberg, who took the name of Vitalis, to express by the two Latin words, vita and lis, that his whole life was a strife with destiny, was born in the parish of Ludgo, on the 14th January, 1794. Shorty after his birth, his parents, who were very poor, removed to the town of Trosa. Vitalis had a marked consumptive tendency from birth, and was otherwise physically weak. This the father deeply lamented, as it prevented his son from earning a livelihood by the labour of his hands; and he saw not well how the boy was to receive the education of a scholar. On learning to read, the young Vitalis borrowed books in every direction; on learning to write, he scribbled, or rather carved, on birch bark and chips of wood—paper being a luxury which his father could not afford him. Erik Sjöberg's first attempt at authorship was a satirical correspondence with a lad of his own age. The two friendly combatants met at a place and time agreed upon, exchanged epistles, and then went home to prepare for a renewal of the contest. In the autumn of 1806, Kling, the schoolmaster at Trosa, wrote to a kinsman of Sjöberg's mother, lauding the boy's abilities and attainments, but picturing the indigence which prevented the parents from furnishing him with the means of culture which he now required. A contribution was raised which enabled Erik to proceed, early in 1807, to Strengoüs. Two years were spent in the Lower School here, and five in the High School. In 1814 Sjöberg hastily left the High School at Strengoüs from dissatisfaction with one of his teachers. He had been a most diligent student; he had read the best Greek and Latin authors, and had formed a tolerable acquaintance with some of the Oriental and some of the modern languages. The first time, at school, that he had heard Virgil construed he ever looked back upon as a memorable event. Passing the vacation with his mother's relative to whom Kling had written, he

found in the library a copy of Virgil. Having, not as an amusement, but as a serious occupation, been sent into the fields to herd swine, he took Virgil with him, and read with rapture the passages which had so profoundly excited his enthusiasm.

It was with a purse far lighter than his heart that Vitalis went to the University of Upsala. Here he tried to add to the paltry pittance which furnished him with a scanty crust by giving private lessons, though he had naturally an excessive repugnance to this employment. He sought comfort in poetical breathings, and in vigorous correspondence with his school friends: for letter-writing he afterwards conceived a supreme disgust. Living almost on the poet's food—the air, Vitalis found it still difficult to get what little, more than the air, he Some of his poems were published toward the end 1819, and were received with such general applause that the writer might have been supposed to bid adieu to want for ever. Other poems appeared, and the reputation of Vitalis went on increasing; yet he was allowed to starve on, and we cannot help thinking that this is much to the discredit of the Swedes as a nation. The only fault of the unfortunate man seems to have been a sort of worldly helplessness. He was as abstemious as an anchorite, and could be as laborious as the merest drudge. But he did not understand the art of converting his brain and toil into marketable com-modities. For the community does not inquire whether we are abstemious and laborious or not, or whether we can furnish things of the most valuable kind; but, whether we can supply things of the most valuable kind; but, whether we can supply the things demanded; and high-mindedness and inaptitude are both punished alike. If you have at once the fervours of the poet and the awkwardness of Dominie Sampson it would be well for you if you could live on birch-bark as well as write on it. Contrast the life of Goethe with that of Vitalis. The chief misfortune of Goethe was that he never had any real misfortune—hence his intense selfishness, and hence his puerile vanity—so that he treated it as a tragedy when some learned persons were disrespectful enough to quarrel with his theory of colours. Goethe had so much sunshine that even a slightly bracing breeze was insupportable to him. was never warmed by a single gleam, except we call such a small pension which he received for about a year from the Crown Prince, Oscar, afterwards King, who, though the son of the crafty and unscrupulous Bernadotte, had every private, every public virtue. Vitalis had warnings enough—the bursting of blood-vessels among them—that his years were to be as few as they were said. Vitalis had warnings enough—the bursting of blood-vessels among them—that his years were to be as few as they were sad. He armed himself, half with heroism and half with despair, against the dark shadow of affliction—against the darker shadow of the grave. His best he strove to be cheerful and brave, this gifted Scandinavian, and to ennoble his days as a discipline, since they offered him so little joy. He tasted the poet's high pleasure—that of loving; but he did not taste the poet's highest pleasure—that of being loved. A certain Laura, to whom some of his poems are devoted, appears to have been like all the Lauras, and to have preferred prose, and pudding, and a comfortable fireside to to have preferred prose, and pudding, and a comfortable fireside, to imagination; whereat Vitalis wildly grieved, then patiently mourned. imagination; whereat Vitalis wildly grieved, then patiently mourned. There was one human being, however, who abundantly returned the richest, most glowing love—his mother. If he was poor, she was poorer. His smallest coin he shared with her; his last coin he was always willing to give her. He took long pilgrimages on foot to clasp her hand and brighten her lonely lot. When she died, in 1823, he felt that after this sorrow of sorrows, whatever might befal him would be lightly borne. Sometimes officiating as tutor, either at lurgals or in the country, and sometimes scrambling for a morsel Upsala or in the country; and sometimes scrambling for a morsel Upsia or in the country; and sometimes scrambing for a mose through such literary hack-work as translating one or two of Washington Irving's works; broken by illness, penury, and disappointment, but still undaunted in resolution, he went on his arid path. His frail body—little fitted to sustain even the gentlest shock—was rudely shattered by sleeping in a damp room once on a journey. The world had been little else to him than a room of this kind. Not long before his death, Vitalis settled in Stockholm from the hope that he would find in the capital something better than the bare subsistence to which he had previously been condemned. But matters grew worse with him instead of better; and he was obliged to incur debts to avoid absolute starvation. The time of the Vikings was gone, when the skald was so magnificently rewarded. There were no gold chains, and gorgeous robes, and a chief seat at the banquet for Vitalis; but there was the moan of a creat city's wretched agreement in the band enough great city's wretchedness responding to his own. He had had enough of tutorships, nevertheless he was compelled to accept one. Two little boys and four little girls were placed under his care. He was conspicuous in this situation for diligence, still more conspicuous for silence. The battle had gone sore against him; and he could only lean on his broken spear, while his wounds slowly bled, and await, in wordless woe, the deliverer. Consumption claimed its victim, and wordless woe, the deliverer. Consumption claimed its victim, and the victim was ready. Vitalis became too ill to attend to his pupils. At his own request he was taken to the hospital, where he lay sixteen days, and where, early in the morning of the 4th March, 1828, his spirit calmly passed away. His whole life had, by piety, by resignation, by sublime asceticism, been a preparation for death; not as preparation, but as food, he read incessantly in his last hours, "The Imitation of Christ."—that hook to which we all three when we feal the -that book to which we all turn when we feel the

nothingness of earthly things.

Vitalis was tall, thin, ungainly. All his gestures and movements were clumsy—whether his long arms hung carelessly down, or were tossed wildly about. His cheeks glowed with the feverish red which

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ovements or were announced his physical sufferings and his doom. As if nature and fortune had not been grudging enough to him, he was still more grudging to himself: he refused himself the most innocent indulgences. In the terrible winters of the North, he disdained to wear an upper coat; necessity had something to do with this, but his iron energy had more. His habit of regarding life as a discipline, and of conquering all obstacles which a determined will could conquer, made him somewhat intolerant even to his best friends. Overflowing with tenderness, as faithful as he was affectionate, yet judging others by the same high standard which he placed before himself, he offended by being outspoken in season and out of season, and by abruptness and harshness. These faults, however, his friends readily pardoned for the sake of his purity, his integrity, his stoical endurance, his essential nobleness.

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There was too much monotony in the life of Vitalis to permit anything except monotony in his poems. What he wrote was the simple expression of a painful experience. Lyrical, or sentimental, or satirical, or ironical, or humorous, he was merely making attempts—various yet ever the same—to utter his own melancholy. Naturally he had none of the creative artist's gifts. His genius was not a fruitful force; it was merely an aspect of his character; and his character was awlays bracing itself for action and suffering. This perpetual askēsis, indispensable perhaps to the saint and the martyr, is far from being favourable to the poet. Self-consciousness and the limited circle in which self-consciousness dwells, if they stimulate the morbid imagination slav pensable perhaps to the saint and the martyr, is far from being favourable to the poet. Self-consciousness and the limited circle in which self-consciousness dwells, if they stimulate the morbid imagination, slay the healthy phantasy. Vitalis had a vague, pantheistic sympathy with nature, and this sympathy he beautifully breathed in some of his happiest verses. Yet those two entities, the universe and his own individuality, are not sufficient for the poet's soul and the poet's work. They must be completed and enriched by the world of humanity—a world of which Vitalis was signally ignorant. That Vitalis had a comic as well as a poetic talent must be admitted. Yet his comic compositions have a kind of ghastliness from wanting the inspiraration offered by social knowledge and social commune. He laughs madly or sadly who laughs alone. There were, besides, two influences fatal to the originality of Vitalis. Like all the Swedish poets of his time he had to play the part of a poetical revolutionist. Swedish poetry had to escape from the Gallican pedantries and frigidities which the long and intimate relations of France with Sweden had encouraged, and to which the false taste of Gustavus III. had given peculiar sway. Atterbom, Geijer, Stagnelius, Tegner, and others, in breaking the bondage were doing their country and their country's literature excellent service; but they were the less poetical creators to the exact extent that they were political revolutionists; and the same thing may be said of Vitalis. It was natural that as a means of carrying out the revolution, foreign models as unlike the French as possible should be sought. But those models were as disastrous to Vitalis, and to the Swedish poets generally, as the French models had been, though in another direction, to their predecessors. In Vitalis there are traces of Byron; and English literature seems to have moulded him more, and been more to his liking than German. Still, after criticism has said its justest and severest word about Vitalis, his right to a d

mood visits not; yet, if it comes to us, let it be in all its opulence and elevation.

London Labour and the London Poor: a Cyclopædia of the Condition and Earnings of Those that Will Work, Those that Cannot Work, and Those that Will Not Work. By Henry Maynew. London: Griffin, Bohn, and Co. 3 vols. pp. 1440.

Ragged London in 1861. By John Hollingshead. London: Smith, Elder, and Co. pp. 338.

CERTAINLY IT WOULD SEEM as if one of the popular whims of the day were to mind everybody's business but your own. Disguise it as you will, the feeling which lies at the bottom of what is called philanthropy, social science, humanitarianism, and what not, is neither more nor less than the love of prying. There is a large number of very well-intentioned persons about who will insist upon investigating other people's affairs, not so much with any distinct view of bettering or improving them as for the purpose of satisfying their own curiosity. This is a vice essentially English, and consequently to be found in a highly-exaggerated and offensive state among our American cousins. Even Englishmen have complained of the curiosity which every stranger whom they happened to meet with in the United States manifested with regard to the business, circumstances, and private affairs of a traveller for whom they evidently did not care a cent—unconscious all the while that nine Englishmen out of every ten are guilty of the same offence against good manners, only in a milder form. When a comfortable, well-to-do man of the world meets an acquaintance whom he knows to be struggling, what is more common than to ask him in an off-hand, patronising tone what he is doing, and how he is getting on. He has no intention of giving him any help or putting anything advantageous in his way. If he were asked to do so, he would probably button up his pockets as if to protect himself from robbery; yet he deems himself perfectly justified in prying into a matter with which he has no concern and upon which his opinion has never been invited: indeed, he appe

be sure he has exhibited a feeling of interest-and that is some-

thing.

Very nearly akin to this feeling of interest is the curiosity of some of our social inquirers. A new branch of science has been invented lately, and has been baptised by the name of Social Science. As far as we can make out, it appears to consist of a thorough inquiry into everybody's business but your own. If you only set about ascertaining how many of your neighbours live in one house; how many sleep in a bed; what is the number of their children; how much they eat and drink; whether they empty their cesspools, and how; how often they get drunk; whether they send their children to school; whether they live within their incomes, and a variety of other similar pieces of useful knowledge, you will have richly deserved the title of a zealous student of social science. Of course you must pursue these studies in the regular form, or you will run the risk of being misinterpreted. If you devote your inquiring energies to ascertaining the truth of these matters as they affect your neighbours in the same street or the same row, you may perchance come to be regarded as an impertinent, inquiyou devote your inquiring energies to ascertaining the truth of these matters as they affect your neighbours in the same street or the same row, you may perchance come to be regarded as an impertinent, inquisitive fellow, who deserves no less that to be treated as your prototype Paul Pry was upon more than one occasion; but if you subscribe to a Social Science Society, put yourselfunder the tuition of Lord Shaftesbury and Sir James Shuttleworth, attend the Social Science Congress, and restrict your inquiries to what are called "poor neighbourhoods" and "the working classes," and you arecertain to take high rank as a philanthropist of uncommon merit. Nor need the virtue cost you more than the subscription already alluded to. Only pry enough, and discover that there are people in the world who live in a manner scarcely compatible with your ideas of comfort, and you have only to bewail the matter. Put your hand into your pocket, and make any practical endeavour to amend the real or fancied evil, is a measure by no means necessary. Write an article or a paper for the Congress upon it, and you need do no more.

Let it be clearly understood that we entertain nothing but earnest respect for real, sincere, unostentatious practical benevolence. What we are here referring to is nothing of that kind; it is the noisy blatant, hollow, ineffectual self-trumpeting which the Sir Joseph Bowleys and the Pardiggles of the day mistake for charity. To our thinking, it is a modest and a delicate virtue that same charity—a virtue only to be cultivated in secret, not dragged into the rude glare of public meetings and committee-rooms. We know and deplore the fact that there is much in the condition of poor people which had better be amended, and we believe also that those who are better off may do more in a quiet way towards working out that amendment than any public meeting or committee could do. We are not so san-

better be amended, and we believe also that those who are better off may do more in a quiet way towards working out that amendment than any public meeting or committee could do. We are not so sanguine as to suppose that the day will ever come when the poor shall cease from out of the land, and we have good authority for entertaining that belief. The prosperity of a nation, we know, is to a certain extent the guage of its destitution; for (as the proverb says), "The higher the palace the deeper the quarry." But we know also that dirt is not always an absolute sign of wretchedness; that there are people who live in rags and small houses with cesspools who could better themselves if they would; and that the men of social science—or, more properly, social sciolists—make the common mistake of supposing that everything is abominable which does not square with their practice, their ethics, and their notions of comfort. They ignore altogether the existence of those feelings which prompted the old Scottish "gudewife" to resist the abolition of a nuisance by a reforming landlord. "Nae, nae, Curnal," said she; "ye may do wi' us what ye wull, but we'll die for our middens."

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The volumes before us profess to furnish exactly that kind of information which is dearest to the professor of social science. Mr. Mayhew's book has been long before the public in one form or other formation which is dearest to the professor of social science. Mr. Mayhew's book has been long before the public in one form or other—the fragment of a work designed upon a magnificent scale. Whether it be now finished or not we have yet to learn. It is ten years at least since he began what was announced to be "a cyclopædia of the industry, the want, and the vice of the great metropolis." A great idea and a mighty theme, truly! Like many projectors magnorum operum, Mr. Henry Mayhew apparently as much overrated his own powers as he underrated the magnitude of the task. We question, moreover, whether he is by any means the man who should have undertaken such a work; whether he has the art of patient careful inquiry; the faculty for sifting the true from the false, the penetration to detect that constant endeavour to deceive with which such persons as he had to deal with invariably attempt to baffle inquiry; the power of curbing his own fecund imagination, and putting a bridle upon his own restive fancy. Mr. Mayhew is well known to be a man of very bright and varied intellect. Without ever distinguishing himself very remarkably in anything, he has made himself conspicuous as one of the "myriad-minded." He has successively figured as a successful dramatist, a brilliant journalist, the projector of Punch, a popular lecturer, a remarkable table wit, and no one knows what besides. When such a man "went in for hard facts," and took up "the Social Science dodge," there could be but one result. Clever and even brilliant it was sure to be: as certainly, dramatic and unreliable. Mr. Mayhew went to work on a magnificent scale. He had photographs taken of many of the characters and places referred to in his book, and gave page after page of dialogues which were said to have taken place between himself and those characters. The photographs no doubt are accurate enough, but the dialogues all smell of the footlights. It may be very amusing to look at a picture of "The London Costermonger," from a daguer-

rectype by Beard, with the characteristic inscription appended-"Here, Pertaters! Kearots and Turnups! Fine Brockello-o-o-o! "Here, Pertaters! Kearots and Turnups! Fine Brockello—o—o! but when we turn to the account which the said costermonger gives of himself to Mr. Mayhew, we are reminded strongly of the celebrated Jim Baggs, and the language which Mr. Robson so admirably delivers. Of course, it is not necessary that a book need be dull in order to be accurate; but when we find page after page covered with what professes to be dialogues accurately transcribed, and perceive that these dialogues bear a strong family resemblance to each other—that they are all highly dramatic, and spiced and seasoned so as to bring out the "high lights" of the picture intended to be produced—we certainly do feel that the amusement overbalances the instruction that we have derived from the perusal of them.

The London Poor! those that can, cannot, and will not work! It is a mighty subject. A great French physician once took a small section of the last division, and produced a large work upon it: Parent-Duchatelet's treatise, "Sur la Prostitution de la Ville de Paris," is a work of high authority. The collection of the facts and

Paris," is a work of high authority. The collection of the facts and observations upon which it was based, occupied the author some of the best years of his life; yet this occupied but a small and compara tively insignificant portion of the field which Mr. Mayhew ambitiously proposed to cover. The result of that ambition is not surprising. For proposed to cover. a time, the work appeared in serial form with regularity; but presently, as it grew and grew, there were evidences of difficulty and delay; rumours of disagreement between the author and the publisher, delay; rumours of disagreement between the author and the publisher, until at last it ceased to appear, and seemed likely to remain an unfinished fragment. In this state it remained for many years, and the publishing and reading world had probably quite given up all hope of ever seeing Mr. Mayhew's great work finished, when the enterprising firm whose name is now attached to the title-page, took it up, and have reissued it in the form which it now wears. Whether it will have reissued it in the form which it now wears. Whether it will be perfected is a mystery still hid in the womb of the future. If we mistake not, the greater part of "Those who will not work" is yet to be finished; and to do that thoroughly is perhaps the most difficult portion of the whole task. However, nous verrons.

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of salt, and allowing for the dramatic tendency of the work, much of Mr. Mayhew's information affords an insight into the habits of the people of whom he writes. The chapters on the Costermongers are about the best in the book. It is well known that none prey upon the poor like the poor, and that the small usurers are the worst of all. The following statements, however, put this truth in a clearer light than we are reweight hofere.

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The hire of a barrow is 3d. a day, or 1s. a week for the six winter months and 4d. a day, or 1s. 6d. a week, for the six summer months. Some are to be bad rather lower in the summer, but never for less than 4d.—sometimes for not less than 6d. on a Saturday, when not unfrequently every barrow in London is hired. No security and no deposit is required, but the lender satisfies himself that the borrower is really what he represents himself to be. I am informed that 5000 hired barrows are now in the hands of the London costermongers, at an average rental of 3l. 5s. each, or 16,250l. a year. One man lets out 120 yearly, at a return (dropping the 5s.) of 360l.; while the cost of a good barrow, new, is 2l. 12s., and in the autumn and winter they may be bought new, or "as good as new," at 30s. each; so that reckoning each to cost this barrow-letter 2l. each, he receives 360l. rent or interest—exactly 150 per cent. per annum for property which originally cost but 240l., and property which is still as good for the ensuing year's business as for the past. One man has rented a barrow for eight years, during which period he has paid 26l. for what in the first instance did not cost more than twice as many shillings, and which he must return if he discontinues its use.

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The money-lenders (from the following statement, made to me by one who was in the habit of borrowing) pursue their business in a not very dissimilar manner to that imputed to those who advance larger sums:—"If I want to borrow in a hurry," said my informant, "as I may hear of a good bargain, I run to my neighbour I.—'s, and he first says he hasn't 20s. to lend, and his wife's by, and she says she hasn't 2s. in her pocket, and so I can't be accommodated. Then he says if I must have the money he'll have to pawn his watch—or to borrow it of Mr. —— (an innkeeper), who would charge a deal of interest, for he wasn't paid all he lent two months back, and Is. would be expected to be spent in drink—though I.—— don't drink—or he must try if his sister would trust him, but she was sick and wanted all her money—or perhaps his barrowmerchant would lend him 10s., if he'd undertake to return 15s. at night; and it ends by my thinking I've done pretty well if I can get 11. for 5s. interest, for a day's use of it." .— . Another mode of usurious lending or trading is, as I said before, to provide the costermonger—not with the stock-money—but with the stock itself. This mode also is highly profitable to the usurer, who is usually a costermonger, but sometimes a greengrocer. A stock of fruit, fish, or vegetables, with a barrow for its conveyance, is entrusted to a street-seller, the usual way being to "let him bave a sovereign's worth." The value of this, however, at the market cost, rarely exceed 14s., still the man entrusted with it must carry 20s. to his creditor, or he will hardly be trusted a second time. The man who trades with the stock is not required to pay the 20s. on the first day of the transaction, as he may not have realised so much, but he must pay some of it, generally 10s. and must pay the remainder the next day or the money-lender will decline any subsequent dealings.

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For these usurious transactions no documents are needed; but if a coster" once deceives his usurer he can get no more trust from the craft. Indeed, the costermongers seem to have a kind of horror of craft. Indeed, the costermongers seem to have a kind of horror of legal proceedings, and are even very unwilling to have recourse to legal redress when they themselves have been injured. "If any one steals anything from me," said a coster to Mr. Mayhew, "and I catch him, I take it out of him on the spot. I give him a jolly good hiding, and there's an end of it. I know very well, sir, that costers are ignorant men; but in my opinion (laughing) our never going to law shows that in that point we are in advance of the aristocrats." This is

precisely one of the little touches which make us doubt the vraisemblance of these dialogues. That a costermonger might prefer "taking it out" to the tedious processes of police courts and sessions is more than probable; but that little observation about being "in advance of the aristocrats"—oh! Mr. Mayhew. Is not that a little dramatic point the interpolation of which you could not resist?

The chapters on "Street Chaunting" and "Pattering" are exceedingly amusing, though worked up with evident dramatic effect, and interspersed with opinions enunciated by the author, some of which are by no means defensible. The following piece of "patter" about the well-remembered song of "The Pope and Cardinal Wiseman"—àpropos of the Ecclesiastical Titles and the Durham letter—is quite equal to Mr. Mayhew's best contribution to Pauch.

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One verse of this song will serve to remind the reader of that highly favourable specimen of street poetry:

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Now we don't care a fig for Rome,
why can't they let the girls alone,
And mind their business at home,
the pope and cardinal wiseman.
With their monsical red cardinals hat,
And lots of wafers in a sack,
If they come here with all their clack,
we'll wound them fil fal la ra whack,
In England they shall not be loose,
Their humbugging is all no use,
If they come here we'll cook their goose,
The pope and Cardinal Wiseman.
CHORUS. The pope and Cardinal Wiseman.
CHONDS
Monks and Nuns and fools afloat,
We'll have no buils shoved down our throat,
Cheer up and shout down with the Pope.
And his bishop cardinal Wiseman.

Mr. Mayhew ventures upon a spirited, and to a great extent truthful, defence of that class of street-patterers who are called "death-hunters"—persons who invent murders, accidents, or other tragical events, or who concoct imaginary particulars of transactions which have really happened.

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It is very easy to stigmatise the death-hunter when he sets off all the attractions of a real or pretended murder—when he displays on a board, as does the standing-patterer, "illustrations" of "the 'dentical pick-axe" of Manning, or the stable of Good; or when he invents or embellishes atrocities which excite the public mind. He does, however, but follow in the path of those who are looked up to as "the press"—as the "fourth estate." The conductors of the Lady's Newspaper sent an artist to Paris to give drawings of the scene of the murder by the Duc de Praslin—to "illustrate" the blood-stains in the duchess's bed-chamber. The Illustrated London News is prompt in depicting the locality of any atrocity over which the curious in crime may gleat. The Observer, in costly advertisements, boasts of its twenty columns (sometimes with a supplement) of details of some vulgar and mercenary bloodshed—the details being written in a most honest deprecation of the morbid and savage tastes to which the writer is pandering. Other weekly papers have engravings—and only concerning murder—of any wretch whom vice has made notorious. Many weekly papers had expensive telegraphic despatches of Rush's having been hung at Norwich, which event, happily for the interest of Sunday newspapers, took place at Norwich at noon on a Saturday. [I may here remark, that the patteres laugh at telegraphs and express trains for rapidity of communication, boasting that the press strives in vain to rival them—as at a "hanging match," for instance, the patterer has the full particulars, dying speech, and confession included—if a confession be feasible—ready for his customers the moment the drop falls, and while the criminal may still be struggling, at the very scene of the hanging. At a distance he sells it before the hanging. "If the Times was cross-examined about it," observed one patterer, "he must confess he's outdone, though he's a rich Times, and we is poor fe

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probing their moral status. We must confess that these do not appear to us to have been very conclusive. One may be taken as an example. One day Mr. Mayhew convened a meeting of reputed thieves, to give them an opportunity of stating their case, and relating their experiences. This curious meeting was held at the British Union Schoolroom, Shakespeare-walk, Shadwell, and Mr. Mayhew presided. All policemen were rigorously excluded, and some of "the thieves" made speeches, which were evidently got up for the occasion. The shameless rascals were glad to have the opportunity of doing a little spouting, and making themselves conspicuous before Mr. Mayhew and their fellows. Presently Mr. Mayhew tried a notable experiment upon the honesty of one of the speakers. He made a speech in his turn, and told them that he had once entrusted a thief with a sovereign to get changed, "and the lad returned and gave him back the fall amount in silver. He had since gone out to America. Now he would ask all those present whether, if he were to give them a sovereign, they would do the same?" To this several replied that they would, and others that they would do so only for him.

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Here one of the most desperate characters present, a boy who had been twenty-six times in prison, was singled out from the rest, and a sovereign given to him to get changed, in order to make the experiment whether he would have the honesty to return the change or decamp with it in his possession. He was informed, on receiving it, that if he chose to decamp with it, no proceedings should be taken against him. He left the room amid the cheers of his companions, and when he had been absent a few moments all eyes were turned towards the door each time it opened, anxiously expecting his arrival to prove his trustworthiness. Never was such interest displayed by any body of individuals. They mounted their forms in their eagerness to obtain the first glimpse of his return. It was clear that their honour was at stake; and several said they would kill the lad in the morning if he made off with the money. Many minutes elapsed in almost painful suspense, and some of his companions began to fear that so large a sum of money had proved too great a temptation for the boy. At last, however, a tremendous burst of cheering announced the lad's return. The delight of his companions broke forth again and again, in long and loud peals of applause, and the youth advanced amidst triumphant shouts to the platform, and gave up the money in full.

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Now observe the exceedingly unsatisfactory nature of the whole of this proceeding: We are told that the boy selected was "one of the worst"—though, as we have no indication of how that fact was arrived at, and as there was no policeman (who probably would have been the best judge), even this looks like a bit of dramatic garnish. But what did the whole affair prove? Certainly not that thieves do not steal sovereigns when they can do so with impunity; but that the boy did not like to incur the certainty of sustaining chastisement at the hands of his fellows for betraying their honour, and preferred the opportunity of becoming a hero for the nonce by returning the money. Observe, moreover, the dangerous nature of the proceeding. To that meeting of young thieves Mr. Mayhew announced as plainly as possible that it was an act of heroism, deserving the highest commendation and applause, and not a common act of duty, to refrain from stealing a sovereign. We cannot help thinking that had he put the change into his pocket, and pushed his way out of the building through the crowd, and emerged from the melée with his silver intact, Mr. Mayhew's experiment would have been infinitely more conclusive and satisfactory.

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As a treasury of curious information, these volumes of Mr. Mayhew are perfectly inexhaustible. At one place we are told, on the authority of "a professional man" of the Hebrew persuasion, that so little do the Jews care for "emancipation" that not one man in ten would walk the length of the street to secure Baron Rothschild's admission into the House of Commons. Furthermore, that the Jews seldom read newspapers, though pork is omitted from the bills of fare at the eating-houses which they frequent. Elsewhere, we learn, on the authority of an "aristocratic crossing-sweeper," that the late Lord George Bentinck never put his foot on his crossing without giving him a sovereign. Again, we find that it was an acrobat, by name Harvey Leach, who played the "What Is It?" at the Egyptian Hall; and, furthermore, that the exposure which he sustained nearly killed him. "He was in a cage," said Mr. Mayhew's informant, "and wonderfully got up. He looked awful. A friend of his comes in, and goes up to the cage and says, 'How are you, old fellow?" The thing was blown up in a minute. The place was in an uprour. It killed Harvey Leach, for he took it to heart and died." "Save us from our friends!" we think, should have been the epitaph of the too sensitive Harvey Leach. At another place we find that of the Scottish visitors to London, it is only the Highlanders who ever give anything to the bag-pipers. This speaks volumes for the good taste of the Lowlanders and we only wish that not only the Highlanders, but the cockneys also would follow such an excellent example. Bagpipes may be very admirable in the Highlands; but, for our part, we wish they would always stay there. The Duke of Argyll, we learn from the same source, has a piper for his special service, who plays upon pipes of ebony with a silver chanter. "He plays every day to the Duke while he's at dinner." God bless the Duke if Argyll say we—he must have stronger nerves than we have. All this and more

reading.

Mr. Hollingshead's volume is of a drier kind. We have no amusing anecdotes and no entertaining conversations with dramatic paupers. The book arose, as too many of Mr. Hollingshead's books have done, out of the spur of the moment. A very clever man and a quick observer, this gentleman is certainly in the foremost rank of

modern reporters; but, as his main object appears to be to get through his work as rapidly as possible and turn to something else, he does not give himself time to be accurate in his observations, and seldom, if ever, loiters on the road to waste his precious moments upon anything so unprofitable as quiet logical reasoning. The papers of which the volume is composed, arose out of some letters which Mr. Hollingshead wrote in the Morning Post in January last, to satisfy the public appetite which then prevailed for information about the metropolitan working-classes. It will be remembered that during the last severe winter, coming as it did hard upon a deficient harvest, there was a great deal of distress among the poorer classes in London. Thousands of workmen were thrown out of employment, and besieged the police-courts in multitudes for that relief which the spontaneous charity of the nation freely afforded. That the real state of the case was much exaggerated there can be no doubt, nor can it be questioned that the ranks of the deserving poor were considerably angmented by thousands of hopeless paupers, to whom idleness and helplessness are normal conditions, and who would still imitate "the horse-leech's daughter," if qualis and manna were to be rained from Heaven. Into this state of things Mr. Hollingshead undertook to enquire, and here we have the result; and what is it? A great deal of honest sympathy no doubt, and a great deal of zealous indignation, against almost every existing institution; but, alas! little or no suggestion of remedy. With a strong disposition to reform everything, but with no very clear idea how to set about it, Mr. Hollingshead set out upon his inquiries, or, as he phrases it, "to beat the bounds of Metropolitan dirt and misery." He appears to have been not a little surprised at the discovery that a million of people were living in London in a manner of which he highly disapproved, and straightway set to work to rate and scold society in general for the fact. A kind of Mrs. Pardiggle

We want a division of labour—a large association of real workers, not talkers and givers—and a body of home missionaries who will tuck up their shirt-sleeves, and go out with brooms, shovels, pails, and whitewashing brushes. We want creeds of all kinds put on the selet for a short period, and a few years of "soap and water societies," "scrubbing-brush societies," and such like combinations. We have heard a good deal lately about muscular Christianity, and if it is anything more than a mere name, a splendid field of action is open before it.

We must confess that we should like to see Mr. Hollingshead hard at work as president of a Scrubbing-brush Society.

Almsgiving, according to Mr. Hollingshead, is of no use, indeed it is positively pernicious; model lodging-houses, soup-kitchens, are of no use; "hospitals, asylums, charity-schools, and other forms of permanent out-door relief, are worm-eaten by imposition, and yet" (says Mr. Hollingshead, with horrified wonder) "they flourish." Working people will not save, and will get drunk; they will not insure either their lives or their houses, but take alms, and refuse to live cleanly. Does Mr. Hollingshead expect that it will ever be otherwise? In the millennium, perhaps: and to Mr. Hollingshead the millennium is to be a period when the poor-rates shall be equalised, early marriages shall be discouraged, new streets shall have swept away all the rookeries, and "the moral tone and habits" of the working-classes shall be elevated. This, however, is only to happen to the next generation but one; for "the next generation," says Mr. Hollingshead, "I am afraid must be given up."

Slavery and Secession in America. By Thomas Ellison, F.S.S. London: Sampson Low, Son, and Co. 8vo. pp. 371.

THE STRIFE HAS BEGUN; the water has been let out; and nothing but a miracle can stop its flowing. Already the stream is mingled with blood, and bids fair to run its headlong course till it is choked by kindred bodies. In horror we gaze from our side of the Atlantic, and wonder what madness has seized our brethren. Is this the Union that Washington inaugurated—the Union that was to be perpetual? But seventy-two years, and a people is divided; less than

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the life of many a man, and a nation is split asunder. But this was foreseen in the infancy of the States, and predicted when the Union was yet in its childhood. The third President, Thomas Jefferson, thus expressed himself: "The Missouri question is a breaker on thus expressed himself: "The Missouri question is a breaker on which we lose the Missouri country by revolt, and what more God only knows." His prediction was fortunately unfulfilled at the time; but, nevertheless, he spoke prophetically: the question is the same virtually as it was in his day, and there is lost to the Union, if not Missouri, more by a great deal than Missouri. The loss is perhaps—we sincerely pray it may be—only temporary; but at the bottom of the quarrel between North and South are the germs of the old dispute about 36° 30′. At least, so thinks Mr. Ellison, and we fancy there are few who will not endorse his opinion. It matters little whether the immediate cause of the present deplorable antagonism were the protective tariffs, or political exasperation at the triumph of Abraham Lincoln; the dislike to the tariffs and the hatred of the man have their foundation both in the "peculiar institution." We are not quite so ready to agree with Mr. Ellison when he says that "two years ago it was foreseen that an anti-slavery President would reign at Washington," if he mean that it was the general opinion; there may have been certain persons who apprehended such which we lose the Missouri country by revolt, and what more God opinion; there may have been certain persons who apprehended such a contingency; but had discord refrained from assisting at the Democratic Convention in Charleston on the 22nd of April 1860, there can be little doubt but that the South would have had another triumph, the Union would still have been intact, the grave would in all probability have lost a tenant, and Stephen A. Douglas have been occupying the White House. The diagram elies in yoursest action. Lincoln pying the White House, The Statement of the White House, The Statement of the White House, The Statement of the Statement of the White House, The Statement of the White House of the White House, The Statement of the White House of the White gone to his long home.

Mr. Ellison divides his book into four parts, of which the first is devoted to a "History of the Rise and Progress of Slavery in the devoted to a "History of the Rise and Progress of Slavery in the United States," the second to a "History of the Secession Movement," the third to a "Comparative View of the Influence of Free and Slave Institutions in Promoting or Retarding the general Progress of the two Sections of the Country, as exemplified in the present Condition of the Northern and Southern States," and the fourth to "Emancipation." There is also a supplementary chapter to Part III., giving an account of the "Course of Events during the first three months of President Lincoln's Administration;" and we must not omit to mention a most elaborate Appendix, taking letters of the not omit to mention a most elaborate Appendix, taking letters of the alphabet from A to K inclusive to mark its many divisions. Here appaset from A to K inclusive to mark its many divisions. Here will be found, amongst other matter more or less useful and interesting, the "Constitution of the United States," "President Lincoln's Inaugural Address," and a "Comparative View of the Area, Population, Government, Finances, Wealth, Agriculture, Manufactures, Commerce, and Banking Facilities of the Free and Slave States."

The statistics are upon a really gigantic scale, and worthy of an F.S.S.: it is not improbable that they would appal the unpractical; but to those who believe in figures, and like an arithmetical, tabular, commercial, financial, map of a country, they will afford great gratification and profitable study for more than a month. Howbeit there is a coloured map of the usual kind for those who care for geographical position rather than economical status, or for those who have no objection to a combination.

Those whose opposition to slavery is based upon no better argument than the cruelty exercised upon slaves in America, who hold up their hands with sentimental horror at every unsupported raw-her and bloody-bones story, who strain at a harmless novel but bolt "Uncle Tom's Cabin," will be shocked to learn that "the American slave-owners have never . . . even approached the barbarity of the British slave-owners of the West Indies. The vital statistics of the United States show that the deaths amongst the slaves have never exceeded the births; whilst in most of the West India Islands the births have rarely if ever exceeded the deaths; so that whilst in the one case the population has been increasing hand over hand, in the other, down to the year of emancipation, the ten-dency was the reverse." Nevertheless, though the cruelty of Southern slave-owners may have been exaggerated, though the howling denunciations of the lash and the slow fire may have had but filmsy excuse, no man is justified in having property in man; he who is capable of the pursuit of happiness—who can fear God and regard man—who can be influenced by notions of right and wrong—who needs not to be managed by bit and bridle, but can be led by force of reason—may not without sin be lowered to the brutes that perish. It is well tor the interested to say that the negro is an inferior race, a species of gorilla; then are the negro women so, and those who make them their concubines pair not after their kind, and commit an unnatural crime. concubines pair not after their kind, and commit an unnatural crime. But if the female may take the white man to her arms, the male may sit with the white man in the gate. God created them male and female, and they were to multiply after their kind: will Southerners acknowledge that they do this? They may choose their horn of the dilemma. One must force them to acknowledge, at least, the reasonableness of emancipation, the other to confess that they have degraded humanity. That the black race might become amalgamated, and that the white race not only can (contrary to reiterated assertion), but would, work the lands in the Southern States, if the slur of slavery were removed from honest labour, we have never doubted, and our belief is strengthened by Mr. Ellison's book, who fortifies his own opinion by quotation from Olmsted and other authorities; and the result would be an enhancement of the

value of property. And so the South have been actually fighting for years to have the power of increasing what is contrary to their interests, and what has induced them at last, from we most firmly believe a groundless apprehension of interference with the incubus that weighs upon them, to plunge their country into a civil war. As to the question whether North or South have right on their side, we cannot suppose any unprejudiced person to be in doubt, and we were, therefore, quite prepared to read:

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At present there is no doubt that justice and right are on the side of the North. One great proof of the innate weakness—ay, badness—of the cause of the Southern Confederacy is the fact that it has refused to accept all constitutional remedies for its real or supposed grievances, and has preferred to hew itself out of the Union amidst the blood and carnage of civil war. There was no need for the sword to have been drawn; the ballot-box could have settled the question, if only it had been allowed fair play. If the slave-owners are honest, if their cause is founded on justice and the common weal of the Southern people, why have they refused to allow their own people to vote on the adoption or not of the new Constitution? If their grievances are what they avow them to be, why not put them in a series of constitutional amendments, and lay them before the people of the whole Union, to accept or reject as they pleased? If, under such circumstances, they failed in obtaining redress, then the world would wish them God-speed in defending their rights by means of the sword. As it is they are rebels; and even if they succeed in establishing their separate existence, the civil war which they have inaugurated will ever remain a foul blot upon their fame.

The Human Foot and the Human Hand. By G. M. Humpher, M.D., F.R.S. (Cambridge and London: Macmillan and Co. pp. 215.)—To Cambridge men, the name of Dr. Humphry, the Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology at that university, will be not unfamiliar. The contents of this little volume are professedly the substance of two popular lectures delivered at Cambridge; and it is obvious that Dr. Humphry intended to produce something on hands and feet of the amusing and instructive order rather than an elaborate scientific performance to rival Sir Charles Bell's celebrated Bridgewater Treatise. Like the lectures, it is indeed addressed rather to a popular than to a purely scientific or technical audience. Judged from that point of view, it may be pronounced to be fully fitted for its purpose, for the anatomy seems sound, and most of the auecdotes are apropos. Some of the speculative views broached, however, are decidedly peculiar, as, for example, in the chapter on hand-shakings and greetings, where Dr. Humphry suggests that the tongue might be and greetings, where Dr. Humphry suggests that the tongue might be used for the purpose of salutation. The way in which he introduces the

the subject is peculiar enough:

When we wish to determine whether a substance be perfectly smooth, and are not quite satisfied with the information conveyed by the fingers, we apply it to the lips and rub it gently upon them. We do so, because we know by experience that the sense of touch is more acutely developed in the lips than in the hands. Accordingly, when we wish to reciprocate the warmer feelings we are not content with the contact of the hands, and we bring the lips into the service. A shake-of-hands suffices for friendship, in undemonstrative England at least; but a kiss is the token of a more tender affection.

Possibly it occurs to you that the tongue is more sensitive than either the hands or the lips. You have observed that it will detect an inequality of surface that escapes them both, and that minute, indeed, is the flaw in a tooth which eludes its searching touch. You are right. The sense of touch is more exquisite in the tongue than in any other part of the body; and to carry out my theory, it may be suggested that the tongue should be used for the purposes of which we are speaking. It is so by some of the lower animals. But, in man, this organ has work enough to do in the cultivation and expression of friendship in its own peculiar way; and there are obvious objections to the employment of it in a more direct manner for this purpose.

History of the Siege of Delhi. By an Officer who Served There.

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History of the Siege of Delhi. By an Officer who Served There. (Edinburgh: A. and C. Black. pp. 331.)—Surely the last of the mutiny books, let us hope. It is not an inspiring literature. Written in blood and with a bayonet's point. A story of violence and of vengeance; of fierce brutal passions, and of a bloody revenge exacted. The narrative of an officer is minute and circumstantial. He deems that "no apology is needed for giving an account of the siege of Delhi." The account by the Rev. Mr. Rotton, valuable in many respects, is necessarily defective. The military details are meagre, and the incidents are confined to what came under his personal observation. "An Officer" cannot certainly be charged with having neglected the military details of the siege, for they are narrated with exact minuteness. To those, if any there be, who have never yet read an authentic account of the history of the capital of the descendant of the Moguls the volume will be welcome. The map of Delhi and plan of the British camp are excellent. The returns of killed and wounded are also useful though mournful records.

Bishop Hatto: a Legend of the Mouse Tower on the Rhine. Illustrated by V. H. Darwin. (Hamilton and Adams.)—This edition of Southey's well-known poem about the cruel Bishop Hatto, who burnt the poor in a barn and was himself eaten by rats in his tower on the Rhine, is exceedingly well illustrated by Mr. Darwin. The drawings are forcible and expressive.

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We have also received: The American Magazine and Journal of the Institute of Actuaries.—The Authenticity of the Poems of Ossian. A Lectura. By Peter McNaughten. (Simpkin, Marshall and Co.)—Brief Sketches of the Parishes of Booterstown and Donnybrook. By the Rev. B. H. Blacker. Second Part. (Bell and Daldy.)—A cheap reprint of the late Mr. Albert Smith's Sketch of The Medical Student. (Routledge.)—Police Torture and Murder in Bengal. Reports of Two Trials of the Police, &c. (Calcutta: Saville and Cranenburgh.)—The Uprising of a Great People: the United States in 1861. Abridged from the French of Count Agenor de Gasparin. (Sampson, Low, Son, and Co.)

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—GARDENS, SOUTH KENSINGTON.—At the promenade to-day the splendid band of the Royal Engineers, from Chatham, and also the band of the 1st Life Guards are to attend and play; and on Saturday next, the last public day of the season, the Metropolitan Police bands, who made so favourable an impression upon their first appearance there, will again perform in conjunction with the 1st Life Guards band.

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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION has lately occupied a considerable share of public attention. The report of the Royal Commissioners has been considered at meetings of the United Association of School Masters, the Church Mctropolian Schoolmaster's Association at which Sir J. Kay Shuttleworth presided, the National Society, and lastly, in both Houses of Parliament. The discussion in the House of Commons, though by no means the most intelligent, unless we eliminate a large amount of nonsense uttered by Mr. Dillyun, Mr. Baines, and the ever loquacious Mr. Hennesy, was the most practical of the four, as it put the public in possession of the fact that the present system, having been found to be generally nucestall, was to be continued to the story of the public in prosession of the Commission of the opinions expressed at the nucetings to which we have alluded. Many persons thoroughly and practically conversant with the subject, thought it more judicious to await the result of the deliberations of the Commission of the Commissioners' recommendations. The decision of the Council has rendered unnecessary any display of a great amount of latent effort that would have been called forth on any important change being proposed in the present arrangements. Mr. Lowe moved for a vote of 643,7244.—a much less sum than most people supposed would be necessary, and which showed the fallacy of the prognostications of the opponents of education, that millions would be required. The real expenses of the year will be 803,000. towards the education of nearly a million of pupils, including office expenses, the payment of inspectors, schoolmasters, pupil teachers, 'and that,' most useful and well-conducted department which administers the grants of books, maps, and apparatus. In reply to the flippant accusation of "ambitious teaching," and inceuding pupils into political economy and sanitary science, Mr. Lowe remarked that "he did not think it a ba

At present there are many schools in which the schoolmaster receives no moiety whatever of this grant; in some he receives a half, and in very few instances the whole sum. If the Government believe that the best way to stimulate the labours of the schoolmaster will be to pay for the work done, they must pay the workman direct, or the arrangement will be a mockery. Mr. Baines, the well-known opponent of State-aid to education admitted the success of the present system in improving the quality as well as in increasing the quantity of primary education. But this very success he urged as a reason for the discontinuance of State-aid. The affair has done well, therefore, says Mr. Baines, chalish it!!!

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MIDDLE-CLASS EDUCATION.—Paterfamilias, of the rank which Punch would term the "respectable-ocracy," is beginning to find out that his school-bills are rather expensive, and that he does not get the article he pays for. The Cornhill, in a rather sketchy, but yet truthful article, calls our middle-class education a sham. The examinations for the civil service show lamentable shortcomings in the majority of those educated at middle-class schools. The superiority of the education given in most of our elementary schools is now pretty generally recognised. This superiority is most shown in the elder boys who have been some years regular in their attendance at good National or British schools. If the masters of such schools had such regular and well-conducted pupils, which form the mass of the middle-class boys, instead of the less regular and home-neglected boys that comprise so many of their pupils, the success of the Government schoolmaster, as he is often termed, would be even more marked. As it is, there is a thoroughness, an honesty, and a completeness in the education of the best boys in elementary schools that may well cause the middle classes to bestir themselves. We do not see, however, why they should not avail themselves of the advantages of the well-conducted elementary school, as the sensible farmers did of that at Kired's Sensherme. The neverte who induced in the relief of the wears. the middle classes to bestir themselves. We do not see, however, why they should not avail themselves of the advantages of the well-conducted elementary school, as the sensible farmers did of that at King's Somborne, The parents who indulge in the pride of the worm on the middle branch, so happily described by Mr. Sala, will of course continue to pay a great deal for a mere nothing; but the more thoughtful may be well assured that the moral atmosphere and the careful checks against improper conduct of all kinds that characterise our primary schools, will be as efficacious in securing good moral training as the superior teaching develops intellectual progress. At the late meeting at St. James's Hall a great deal was said but nothing done for middle-class education. By the payment of a higher, though still moderate fee, the tradesman may now secure for his children a good education at the Public, National, or British School, to the funds of which the advanced fee would be a welcome addition. We could point out very many instances where this is the practice; indeed, we believe there are few good elementary schools that do not comprise among their pupils many children of the middle classes. The beneficial effects of this union of classes is well pointed out in the evidence so carefully collected by Mr. Chadwick, in his semi-official inquiries. Instead of recommending the subsidising by the State of the notoriously defective "adventure schools," the Commissioners would have acted much more judiciously in advising the middle classes to avail themselves of the good buildings, efficient management, liberal supply of books and teaching appliances, together with the superior instruction rendered by the well-trained master of a good elementary school.

A Course of Elementary Reading in Science and Literature, Compiled

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A Course of Elementary Reading in Science and Literature, Compiled from Popular Writers: with an Appendix Comprising a Vocabulary of Scientific Terms, and a List of Prefixes, Affixes, and Principal Latin and Greek roots of the English Language. By J. M. McCullogh, D.D., formerly Head Master of Circus-place School, Edinburgh, author of "A Manual of English Grammar, &c. Thirty-ninth edition, recast and enlarged. Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd. 1861. pp. 424.

THIRTY-NINE EDITIONS represent such an amount of negotiable bullion which has reached either the pocket of the publisher or the writer, that we can only repeat the statistical fact that a successful school-book is or was the very best mode in the world of authorship of making a fortune. Stories are still told of hale old gentlemen, long past the age of threescore and ten, who are still living in comfortable retirement on the proceeds of a "Spelling-book" or a "Reading made easy." Dr. McCullogh's volume has now been published thirty years, during which time it has reached its thirty-ninth edition. Several reasons may be ascribed for this success, but we need only mention two, viz., that the original extracts were extremely well chosen, and that from time to time the least valuable of their number have been superannuated, and their places supplied by younger and equally choice substitutes. We are rather inclined to wonder that a thirty years' supervision has not done more for the appendix. A very hasty glance at it has led us to think that the fortieth edition might be made a considerable improvement upon its predecessor. Thus we have "silva" instead of "sylva"; which is an unpardonable blunder when the special purpose of the writer is to give the root of the word. So, again, we have "pleo" (page 416); "fugitus" fled (page 411); "Emulus" (page 410); "bellus," beautiful, though in the Roman mind it was not

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synonymous with "pulcher" (page 408). So, again, in the Greek prefixes and affixes, we have $\gamma^{i\nu\omega}$, I produce (page 422); $\gamma^{\omega i\nu\omega}$, I appear (page 423); $\gamma^{\omega i\nu\omega}$, I deceive (page 423). Now $\gamma^{i\nu\omega}$ is a non-existent verb, and $\gamma^{\omega i\nu\omega}$ is active, and not intransitive. We have looked very carefully through the appendix, chiefly from curiosity to discover whether blunders could be found in a thirty-ninth edition; otherwise we may say, that the book has very many good points about it, and that its selections have been made with more than ordinary taste and indement.

A Few Words on Criticism: being an Examination of the Article in the "Saturday Review" of April 20, 1861, upon Dr. Whewell's Platonic Dialogues for English Readers. By John Grote, B.D., Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Cambridge. Cambridge and London: Macmillan and Co. 1861.

WE CANNOT CONGRATULATE THE CAMBRIDGE PROFESSOR OF MORAL PHILOSOPHY on the authorship of the virulently rambling pamphlet before us. In hard words, it out-does our contemporary even in his most unreasonable mood, and we confess ourselves wholly unable to see the drift of its arguments. The pamphlet contains fifty-six pages, and at the end of the forty-first page we rub our eyes as we read the following sentence: "I have not cared to defend Dr. Whewell in respect of things where a man can defend himself, such as are charges of misconception of his author or mistranslation." Why this is the gist of the charge brought by the Saturday reviewer against the Master of Trinity College. The latter is, indeed, accused of being "absolutely devoid of humour;" but, so far as we can judge from the hazy verbiage of the two score of pages which precede the startling admission quoted from the forty-first, Professor Grote's object has not been to establish for Dr. Whewell a character for high comic powers. If so, the Professor's anxiety is not unlike that of the Irishman, who admitted that he had killed some half-dozen attorneys and process-servers, but indignantly repudiated the notion of his having over-driven his pig.

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The latter part of our contemporary's article appears to us to be worded somewhat too strongly; but, surely, it means nothing more than that the translator, through misconception, imputes an ignoble dishonesty of argument to Plato which never had any existence. This, we admit, is a fair point for literary tilting; but it does not deserve the angry personality which Professor Grote betows upon the

Turning again to page 43 of the pamphlet, we read: "I shall not discuss the particular instances of alleged mistranslation, it is of so little consequence whether the critic is right in what he says about them, or is wrong;" and forthwith the Professor proceeds to discuss them, and in the majority of instances he comes perforce to the conclusion that the reviewer is right and Dr. Whewell wrong. We certainly cannot see why these instances of mistranslation are of so little consequence; and indeed Professor Grote apparently does not think so himself, or he would not, after having just stated his determination not to discuss them, forthwith do so. On the principle ex paucis disceplura, we think these evident mistranslations very important indeed. If, too, we be not mistaken, this is not the first time that Dr. Whewell's Greek has been impugned. Professor Grote will probably recollect one instance where the fault-finder was (and is still) a Fellow of Trinity College, and one of the most eminent scholars to be found in that great nursery of learned men.

It is with some pain we note the ever-recurring insinuation made by Professor Grote in his "Few Words," that "some enemy hath done this;" and that Dr. Whewell's good Greek has been basely stabbed in the dark, through the disappointed malice of some personal fee. Much more easily can we excuse the ludicrously patronising pemposity with which Professor Grote speaks of writers in newspapers in general—and indeed of readers too—and the little fancy sketch he gives of a newspaper as it might, would, could, should, or ought to be. We may remark, however, that neither in this country nor in Utopia would a journal be very likely to flourish if its conductors were not more careful than the Cambridge Professor of Moral Philosophy has been on the present occasion, not to allow themselves to indulge in utterly groundless insinuations.

The Museum. No. II. Edinburgh: James Gordon. London: Edward Stanford.

THE SECOND NUMBER OF THE "MUSEUM" is, on the whole, an improvement upon its predecessor. The practical educationist—we apologise for the use of this ill-conditioned noun—will find his wants duly catered for in such essays as "Principles of Method in the Teaching of Languages," "Evening Schools," "Education through the Senses;" while the scholar is more directly appealed to in Dr. Hincks' "Sennacherib and Hezekiah, a translation from the Assyrian," and Professor Newman's notes upon and emendations of a somewhat troublesome chorus from the "Iphigenia in Tauris." Another essay, which belongs, strictly speaking, to neither of the classes just mentioned, is that entitled "The late Dr. Donaldson," by A. W. Ward, Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge. This paper is written in a strain of extreme panegyric, which, perhaps, does even more credit to the heart than to the head of the author, who was, we have little doubt, one of the late Doctor's pupils, and whose name we find in the Cambridge classical honour list for 1859. We do not care to criticise too rigidly the affectionate enthusiasm of a young scholar

for the memory of his former tutor; but we must say that Mr. Ward, in his wish to exalt "the extraordinary man," whose biography he has written, deals but scant justice to Dr. Donaldson's contemporaries. After telling his readers how much the Varronianus had done for the study of Latin in England, Mr. Ward asks: "What noteworthy edition has, during the last fifty years, appeared in England of a Latin author? We should except Mr. Monro's labours on the text of Lucretius; nor should Mr. Mayor's excellent school edition of Juvenal be forgotten. But what of importance has been done for Cicero? what for the text of Tacitus with all its obelisks and lacunæ? what for the texts of the Comedians, which the Germans have, in the last years, improved so much?" We shall not now enter into the vexata quæstio of how much good German critics have of late years done for the text of classical authors, Greek or Latin, although we remember that Hermann improved away nearly half of the original text of Æschylus; but does Mr. Long's laborious and carefully-edited edition of Cicero's orations deserve no notice at all; or is Mr. Conington's Virgil not worthy of an honourable mention by the side of Mr. Mayor's school Juvenal? Mr. Ward's affection for his old tutor should not lead him to slight the labours of other scholars. The following sentences are also very unfair to the other eminent scholars, who, as well as Dr. Donaldson, "strongly advocated and successful! It has rendered examination." We are told, "the classical part of the Indian Civil Service examination has been the most successful. It has rendered cram nugatory without presenting too high a standard for any able young man who has had the common education of an English gentleman. A great part of this success may with justice be attributable to Donaldson, who strongly advocated viva voce examination—the surest way, if fairly treated, of finding out not only what a candidate knows, but also what use he can make of his knowledge."

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Mr. Ward's mention of the German improvement of classical texts brings us naturally to Mr. Newman's emendations of a chorus from the "Iphigenia in Tauris," which he has improved, as it appears to us, in a thoroughly German style. The chorus in question consists of forty-eight lines in the original, and we are not exaggerating when we say that its new editor adopts or proposes quite as many emendations as there are lines; and that the text of Euripides, as it comes from the hands of Dr. Badham, Mr. Paley, or Professor Newman, bears full token that each of its doctors considers very violent remedies necessary for its restoration. We are not at all inclined to complain that a competent scholar like Professor Newman should expend some of his strength in amending the text of a Greek author, as well as in elucidating the customs, arts, and domestic life of the Greek people. But we must say that Professor Newman seems to us to have a fatal facility for suggesting emendations. Thus, when he objects to the phrase **xara** διοφιφία **χαι ιὐνά; in the text, he tells us we may choose between **xara** διοφιφία **χαι ιὐνά; in the text, he tells us we may choose between **xara** διοφιφία **χαι ιὐνά; in the text, he tells us we may choose between **xara** διοφιφία **χαι ιὐνά; in the text, he tells us we may choose between **xara** διοφιφία **χαι ιὐνά; in the text, he tells us we may choose between **xara** διοφιφία **χαι ιὐνά; in the text, he tells us we may choose between **xara** διοφιφία **χαι ιὐνά; in the text, he tells us we may choose between **xara** διοφιφία **χαι ιὐνά; in the text, he tells us we may choose between **xara** διοφιφία **χαι ιὐνά; in the text, he tells us we may choose between **xara** διοφιφία **χαι ιὐνά; in the text, he tells us we may choose between **xara** διοφιφία **χαι διοφιφί

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The length to which our remarks have already extended prevents as from giving more than a passing word of notice to the other papers in the "Museum." Dr. Brown's "Education through the Senses" is a perfect little gem in its way, full of quaint humour and sound common sense, and in every way worthy of the reputation of the author of "Rab and his Friends." Principal Tulloch's review of Mr. Innes's "Sketches of Early Scotch History" is close and searching, but somewhat heavy. Dr. Clyde's "Principles of Method in the Teaching of

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Languages," is a suggestive and thoughtful essay. Canon Robinson analyses carefully the Report of the Education Commissioners. Mr. Lorimer continues a somewhat Utopian essay on "Reciprocal Naturalisation."

In an appendix are to be found careful and well-digested reviews of many of the educational books of the quarter.

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The Bromsgrove Greek Grammar. By the Rev. G. A. Jacob, D.D., Upper Grammar-Master of Christ's Hospital. Third Edition. (Simpkin, Marshall, and Co. 1861. pp. 326.)—Elementary Greek Grammar. By the Rev. G. A. Jacob, D.D. Second Edition. (Simpkin, Marshall, and Co. pp. 71.)—We have been much struck with the scholarship and thorough completeness of the larger of Dr. Jacob's Grammars, which we are happy to see has reached its third edition. Schoolmasters nowadays are beginning to perceive how important it is that their pupils should be grounded philosophically in the elements of grammar; and that, if grammar be taught as it should be, it is no longer that dreary and apparently aimless study which tasked to the utmost the honest energies of the most industrious pupil, and made even the scholar look back with a shudder, to think that the approach to the tree of knowledge should be guarded by such a hydraheaded monster, who could only be subdued by long and wearisome toil. The smaller of the two grammars before us is intended for the special use of beginners, and we cannot help expressing our admiration of the scholarly skill which has enabled the author to compress within the space of seventy-one pages of bold type the elementary curriculum of the Greek language. We can discover profor the special use of beginners, and we cannot help expressing our admiration of the scholarly skill which has enabled the author to compress within the space of seventy-one pages of bold type the elementary curriculum of the Greek language. We can discover no omission of any importance in its pages, of the whole of which any boy of average industry and intelligence may acquire a fair knowledge in some six weeks, and so be ready to commence his acquaintance with the Delectus. The larger of the two grammars is, as we before remarked, a thoroughly complete one, as may be guessed from the index which extends over some thirty odd pages. It is a book which will be found serviceable even to the accomplished Greek scholar for reference, and which seems to us admirably adapted for the upper classes of our large English schools. Did our space allow we could quote not a few very interesting extracts from this grammar, such, for instance, as the effects of imagination on the Greek language, &c.

Three Letters to the Editor of the "Cornhill Magazine," on Public School Education. By Pateramilias. (Smith, Elder, and Co. pp. 78.)—We are glad to see these letters republished in a handy form. Their writer may, we think, claim the credit of having in a great measure procured the appointment of that Royal Commission which is now about to inquire into the state of the public schools of England. For ourselves, we warmly expressed at some length our admiration of the strong common sense, the thorough acquaintance with the topic at issue, and the very remarkable literary excellence of the letters in question, when they were first published. We need now only repeat our opinion that those persons who wish to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the interior condition of Eton College, and thus more or less with that of all our English public schools, ought to read these letters; and that, quite irrespective of this point, they

themselves thoroughly with the interior condition of Eton College, and thus more or less with that of all our English public schools, ought to read these letters; and that, quite irrespective of this point, they are admirable as a specimen of energetic, logical, and thoroughly successful controversial writing.

The Projection and Calculation of the Sphere for Young Sea Officers: being a Complete Initiation into Nautical Astronomy. By S. M. Saxby, R.N. (Longmans. pp. 112.)—The object of this little manual is to facilitate the study of spheric trigonometry, which is justly deemed by Mr. Saxby to be an object of great importance to us as a maritime people. Mr. Saxby (whose opportunities of knowing the true state of the case, as principal instructor of naval engineers of her Majesty's Steam Reserve, entitle his opinion to respect) complains that nautical education has become greatly and dangerously deficient in that branch, and urges an attention to the point upon all who have to do with the training of naval officers. Mr. Saxby no doubt sees what many other zealous sailors have seen and complained of, that steam has done no good to scientific sailing, however it may have facilitated the commerce of the world. As a text-book for the study of this important branch of mathematics this volume is very complete, and may be safely recommended.

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Fables de Gay, traduites en vers Français. Par le Chevalier de Chatelain. Fourth Edition. (Rolandi. 1861. pp. 211.)—This elegant and tasteful translation of Gay's "ever young" fables has, we are glad to say, reached its fourth edition; a success which even still is by no means adequate to its merits. We have pretty carefully examined several little odd phrases and happy turns which are to be found in Gay, and which we thought might puzzle the deftest translator, and we were agreeably surprised and pleased with the skill with which the Chevalier de Chatelain has surmounted these difficulties. Of course such a translation as we have before us requires much more than that accurate knowledge of English which very many others. and may be safely recommended. than that accurate knowledge of English which very many others besides the Chevalier possess. In each page of this pleasant little volume we admire the evident sense of humour and strong poetical faculty of the writer.

THE SUM of 300l. has been presented to Mr. Sands Cox, the Dean of the Faculty, towards liquidating the temporary difficuties of the Queen's College, Birmingham. Donations, with the same object, have also been received from the Lord-Lieutenant of the county and others.

We have been requested to state that the College of Preceptors has adopted the Educational Times (monthly) as its organ, and that in the August number will be published a reply by Dr. Kennedy, the Head

Master of Shrewsbury School, to the article on "Schoolmasters," which lately appeared in the Cornhill Magazine. Our readers will probably recollect that in these columns we objected to the flippancy and ill-nature

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The present number of the Edinburgh Review contains a lengthy and thoughtful article on "Popular Education in England." We are glad to find that the writer protests energetically against the proposal of the Royal Commissioners for placing our whole system of public education, so far as it is connected with Government, in the hands of the Education Committee of the Privy Council. The Reviewer urges that this modest proposition, if it were adopted, would place in the hands of a political department of the Government an authority superior even to the law, in reference to trusts producing 400.000l. a year, and to invest the Privy Council with a direct authority over the property and interests of a large class of the community.

Mr. James Skinner, late Fellow of the University of Durham, has presented a petition to the Secretary of State for Home Affairs, praying for the suppression of the University of Durham, and its incorporation into the University of Oxford, to which, as the petitioner insists, the funds of the former institution properly belong. Mr. Skinner—who speaks "as one of those who risked his academical life upon an experiment which was most hopeful under other circumstances; which, he believes, has failed utterly in the past, and which, he believes, is now impracticable for the present and future"—gives some forcible reasons why his suggestion should be mooted while the Durham University Bill is under the consideration of Parliament. We believe it is now generally admitted that Durham as a university has been an utter failure, and that the infinitely greater number and value of the prizes now open to all competitors at Oxford and Cambridge allow the Northern universities no chance of a resurrection.

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The report of the visitation of the College of Maynooth, signed by the Duke of Leinster, Lords Fingall and Rosse, and Chief Baron Pigot, contains little this year beyond merely formal returns. The visitation took place on that well-known old anniversary, the 4th of June. The number of students on the book was found to be 524; 47 received priesthood during the year. There were five deaths in the twelvemonth, and much serious illness, owing chiefly to the defective state of the building; but works are in progress by this time for remedying these defects. With this exception, the general condition of the college is reported to be "very satisfactory."

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The examination for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the University of London terminated on Thursday afternoon. The examination for honours in connection with the same degree will commence on Tuesday next, the subjects in which candidates will be tested being mathematics and mechanical philosophy, arithmetic, geometry, trigonometry, conics, Latin, French, and German.

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There will be an election of minor scholars at Downing College, Cambridge, in November next. The examination will be chiefly in classics and mathematics, but some weight will be given to proficiency in modern languages. The number of minor scholars to be elected, and the value and tenure of the scholarships, will be given early in October. The foundation of Downing College, which has recently been thrown open, is specially designed for the encouragement of the studies of law and medicine.

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A return has been published of all the building grants granted by the National School Society since the year 1811, and all the building grants granted by the Committee of Privy Council on Education since the year 1840, which have been repaid previous to the year 1861, with the name of each school to which each grant has been granted, the amount of each grant and the name or names of the person or persons by whom each grant has been repaid. The return also shows to whom or to what office the grants have been repaid, and the dates of each grant and each repaid previous to the year 1861 are as follows:—To the Wandsworth National School, 100l., repaid by Rev. P. Alwood in 1817; to the Winchester Society's Central School, 100l., repaid by secretary of the society in 1818; to the Longdon (Worcester) National School, 20l., repaid by Rev. G. H. Glyn in 1834; to the Hesham (Essex) National School, 20l., repaid by Rev. G. H. Glyn in 1834; to the Hesse (York) National School, 20l., repaid by Rev. G. H. Glyn in 1835. The repayments were made in every case to the treasurer of the National Society. The building grants granted by Committee of Privy Council on Education, under the conditions of the return, are as follows: To the Tidenham National School, 60l., repaid by Mr. W. H. Cook (Temple, London), on account of Rev. J. H. S. Burr and co-trustees, in 1844; to the Farnham (Gipsies) School, 100l., repaid by Mr. Sawtell (firm of Futvoye, Sawtell, and Lightfoot), on account of trustees, in 1855; to the Finsbury Wilson street Wesleyan School, 20l., repaid by D. Brown, Esq. (treasurer to managers), on account of trustees, in 1855; to the Finsbury Wilson street Wesleyan School, 20l., repaid by D. Brown, Esq. (treasurer to managers), on account of trustees, in 1855; to the Finsbury Wilson street Wesleyan School, 20l., repaid by D. Brown, Esq. (treasurer to managers), on account of trustees, in 1855; to the Finsbury Wilson street Wesleyan School, 20l., repaid by Mr. Sawtell Girm of Futvoye, Sawtell, and Lightfoot), on account of tr

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events us papers in common author of Innes's out someherd's-lane, Clapham, to tea. The Rev. Mr. Spurgeon presided and briefly addressed the meeting. Mr. Dunne (the Secretary) stated that since 1859, when the school opened, 350 children had passed through it. The school was attended by 120 children on an average, and there were

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At the Sessions of Council of University College, London, on the 6th and 13th inst., votes of thanks were passed to the Right Hon. Lord Taunton for presiding at the distribution of prizes to the Faculty of Arts and Laws on the 29th of June; to the Board of Admiralty and the Astronomer-Royal, for a donation of books to complete the set in the College of Greenwich Observations and other publications of the Greenwich Observations and other publications of the Greenwich Observatory; and to the Royal Asiatic Society, for the present o their Transactions. Shares in the College, with the title of Fellow were conferred on the following former students, who had taken degrees with honours at the University of London:—Edward John Routh, M.A., the Rev. William Flavell Hurndall, M.A., Henry Mason Bompas, M.A., and Joseph Maurice Solomon, M.A., Fellows in Arts; John Philip Green, LLB., and Henry Self Page Winterbotham, LLB., Fellows in Laws; Frederick James Browne, M.D., Henry Thompson, M.B., and Joseph Lister, M.B., Fellows in Medicine. Mr. John Framlyn Streatfield was appointed assistant-surgeon to the Eye Infirmary; Mr. Thomas Dunbar lagram, LLB., was appointed examiner, conjointly with Professor Sharpe, for the Hume Scholarship in Jurisprudence. Mr. John Power Hicks, M.A., for classics, and Mr. Robert Baldwin Hayward, M.A., for mathematics, were appointed examiners conjointly with the Professors of Latin and Greek and of mathematics and natural philosophy respectively, for the Andrews Scholarships. Mr. Hayward was invited to preside at the distribution of prizes for the pupils of the Junior School on Thursday, the 1st of August. M. Cassal, Professor of French, was requested to give the introductory lecture at the opening of the next Session for the Faculty of Arts. The Jew's Commemoration Scholarship, 15L per annum tenable for two years, was conferred on Mr. Augustus pages of a Quarterly Review.

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.—The immortal "Don Giovanni," R including Grisi as Donna Anna really (?) for the last time, was performed on Monday evening to a house, actually crowded from floor performed on Monday evening to a house, actually crowded from floor to ceiling. There was not a vacant place within the building, for every situation in which even a hearing could be obtained, was crammed till it could bear no more. On the previous Saturday "Marta" was produced for the first time this season. The chief crammed till it could bear no more. On the previous Saturday "Marta" was produced for the first time this season. The chief interest in Flotow's opera consisted in Adelina Patti's impersonation of the heroine. In this character the young prima donna is at a great remove from the lamented Bosio. Her Lady Enrichetta lacks presence. As Marta, Mlle. Patti appears to be much more herself. Were it not for "Qui sola vergin rosa," the bustle at the spinning wheel, and "M' appari tutt' amor" in the second act, and the apostrophe to "beer," with which Plumket opens the third, we imagine that this comic production would long ago have found its way to the limbo "where all things are forgotten. Mlle. Patti could not easily have failed to secure an encore for "The Last Rose," or Mario a repetition of the air allotted to him if only for the intensity of expression given to the phrase "Marta, Marta tu sparisti." Sig. Graziani was requested by a noisy few situated near the roof to sing again in praise of his favourite beverage. For our own part we wished heartily that he had tasted it more deeply, if even that simple performance would have infused a little extra soul into him. Where's the practised bibber that will not fire every note of the gamut, when occasion calls, to sing in praise of wine? Then why not go into beer if the virtues contained in it be really what Plumket declares them? Tuesday evening presented the subscribers with another view of "Un Ballo in Maschera." Excepting the substitution of Mme. Tiberini as Oscar the page, for Miolan-Carvalbo, who, it appears, has left the establishment, the cast was identical with that when Verdi was represented a week or two since.

Mme. Corinne de Luigi, a vocalist of singular powers, gave a concert on Wednesday morning, at Willis's Rooms. This lady prides herself in having had Rossini for her teacher and patron, and also in being still able to sing some of his compositions in a style rarely, if ever approached. The vocalist was not flattered with a very large auditory on the mo

dramatic melody, composed for her expressly (according to the bills) by Rossini. Beside these florid contributions were others, by Sig. Belletti and Sig. Gardoni, which found admirers. Sig. Delle Sedie also sang a romance from "Maria Padilla," with much effect; so

much so, indeed, that a repetition of it ensued. As before remarked, the attendance was thin; but this may be attributed in a great measure to the period of the year, and the long public cramming of musical sweetmeats of every kind. There must be an end to all terrestrial things, a London concert season not excepted.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIP.

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An English opera association, upon the limited liability principle, has just been brought under our notice. The reasons propounded by the executive for its formation are: "That English musical art demands the organization of a national opera on a more reliable and permanent basis than any private management can furnish. 2. That the United Kingdom possesses composers, singers, instrumentalists, scenic artists, and every other necessary resource for producing English opera in a style gratifying to amateurs, worthy of the public patronage, and acceptable to the national feeling. 3. That no national establishment at present exists, having a perpetual succession, for producing and maintaining English opera; a branch of the art hitherto undertaken by private managements, liable at any time to be abandoned, by the contingency of death, pecuniary failure, or disinclination to continue, on the part of those interested in them. 4. That English opera can be successfully worked by a powerful association of persons, commanding adequate available capital devoted exclusively to musical purposes, embracing the principle of perpetual succession, which cannot be terminated by the death or pecuniary failure of any individual. 5. That the Government having refused to follow the example of foreign countries by granting a subvention for assisting to survey a national musical association it remains. or pecuniary failure of any individual. 5. That the Government having refused to follow the example of foreign countries by granting a subvention for assisting to support a national musical association, it remains with musicians and the public to create a great centre, binding together the various interests necessary for raising an institution, calculated to advance musical art—to benefit its members—and remove the reproach that England has not hitherto succeeded in establishing either a national opera or musical college on a scale commensurate with the qualifications of her artists, the requirements of the public, or the dignity of the country.

It is said that MM. Meverbeer and Auber have acceded to the request made to them by the Commissioners of the London Exhibition of 1862 to supply a musical composition to be executed at the opening.

After a remarkable career of success, "The Colleen Bawn" has been withdrawn, not so much because it palled upon the public taste, as because it was thought wise to preserve its freshness by giving it a temporary holiday. Reversing the common order of things, the monotony has been irksome to the actors, but not so to the public. The prolonged run of this piece for two hundred and thirty-one nights is, indeed, almost unprecedented upon the London stage; the only case at all resembling it in modern times being "The Green Bushes." We understand that Mr. Boucicault is now in Paris, superintending the production of a French version of his piece at the Ambigu Comique. Whether it will be as successful in French as it has been in English is, we think, problematical. The title will be a difficulty not easily got over, and we cannot see how the racy Irish humour of some of the principal parts is to be transplanted. On the withdrawal of "The Colleen Bawn," Mr. Webster revived Mr. Watts Phillips's "sensation" drama, "The Dead Heart." The experiment has thoroughly succeeded, for the crowds which nightly thronged to see Ellie thrown into the lake are fully equalled by those which attend the self-sacrifice of Robert Landry. At this theatre a little pièce de circonstance has been produced under the title of "The Pretty Horsebreaker: a Belgravian Lament," by Messrs. Halliday and W. Brough. As the title is now common coin in the most respectable journals and the most decent drawing-rooms, no objection is, that it is a very weak little piece indeed, and those who go in the expectation that they are about to witness anything improper, will be rightly served when they discover that they have not been even amused. In his entertaining work on "London Labour and the London Poor," Mr. Henry Mayhew tells us that when the Legislature very properly interfered to prevent the sale of obscene literature, a class of dealers arose who offered for sale "sealed packets;" and when prurient old gentlemen bought these packets in the expectation of f After a remarkable career of success, "The Colleen Bawn" has been withdrawn, not so much because it palled upon the public taste, as

martyrdom of the heroine could have been nothing to the martyrdom of the audience who were compelled to endure the piece.

On Monday right Mr. Joseph Robins took a benefit at the Lyceum Theatre, under the patronage of Lord Ranelagh and the officers and other members of the South Middlesex Volunteers. The entertainments consisted of the farce "How Stout you are Getting;" Mrs. Centlivre's comedy, "The Wonder;" and a kind of pantomime by Mr. Byron, enentitled "Extremes Meet; or, Young July and Old Christmas." The parts in the pantomime were sustained by Messrs. Byron, Robins, Hollingshead, John Brough, Lionel Brough, Miss Julia Murray, and Miss Rosina Wright.

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On Friday night, the 12th inst., Mr. Buckstone took his benefit at the theatre which he conducts in such a spirited and effective manner. The occasion was signalised by the production of a new piece entitled "My Lord and my Lady; or, It might have been Worse," adapted by Mr. Planché from "Un Marriage sous Louis XV.," by Alexandre Dumas. The piece was favourably received. In the course of the evening. Mr. Buckstone delivered an address, in which he reviewed his managrial career, and boasted (not without reason) that he had kept his theatre open, in spite of all competition, for eight hundred and thirty-two nights. "We have never," said he, "closed our doors except by order of the Lord Chamberlain." During that period "The Overland Route"

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ran 163 nights; "The Babes in the Wood," 32 nights; "Fitzsmythe, of Fitzsmythe Hall," 54 nights; and "Queen Lady-bird," 70 nights. Mr. Buckstone also assured his hearers that he was altogether so well satisfied with his long season that he did not intend to terminate it even yet, but that he proposed to "keep the even tenor of his way" during this summer and the next. Macte virtutem! say we.

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I write to inform you that several gentlemen connected with music are making arrangements for building an International Concert-room at Kensingron, for the display of music during the forthcoming Exhibition of 1862. They are of opinion that such an opportunity ought not to be allowed to pass unnoticed by the musical profession, but that an effort should be made to bring before the public the different styles of English and Continental music. Every care and attention will be bestowed on the construction of the building to make it peculiarly adapted for musical performances, and also in the preparation of the concerts, that they shall be of the highest class, and to prevent interference with existing interests, it is contemplated that the concerts shall take place between the hours of four and seven o'clock in the afternoon. The undertaking will be nuternational character, the Continental and English Choral and Instrumental Societies will be invited to co-operate. The profits of the undertaking will be devoted to the further and the content and english Choral and Instrumental Societies will be invited to co-operate. The profits of the undertaking will be devoted to the further and the content of 12,000, and the orchestra 500 performers; this, if necessary, on certain occasions could be enlarged when an increased number of performers are required. The necessary capital will be raised by means of a guarantee-fund, each guarantee to receive a certain amount in tickets for the performances. Such are the leading features of the scheme, and as we are preparing the programme of the concerts which are to take place, would feel obliged if you would kindly favour as with your opinion respecting the same, also whether we can depend on the support of your society in arranging to give one or more performances, subject to such cond

ART AND ARTISTS.

DRAWINGS FROM THE ROYAL COLLECTIONS.

IN THE PICTURE DEPARTMENT OF THE CRYSTAL PALACE, and occupying a separate portion of the gallery, is now to be seen a series of one hundred and twenty highly-finished drawings, made by the special permission of Her Majesty and the Prince Consort, from a selection of pictures in the Royal Collections at Buckingham Palace, Windsor, and Osborne. Many of these pictures have long been known as master-pieces, and many others are remarkable as signal efforts of eminent painters of our own living school. But that which adds largely to the interest of the great proportion of these copies, is the fact that they have never before been copied, and, perhaps, will never be again repeated. The drawings are all small and in water-colour, very minutely elaborated and, if preserved with common care, will represent the brilliancy of the pictures long after the oil surfaces of the latter are sunk and faded. Those containing heads, or in which the heads are at all enlarged, are worked out with the utmost finish of miniature painting; and many of the subjects could not beattempted save by artists who have accomplished a lengthened course of academic study: as, for instance, Frost's two pictures, "Una," and "The Disarming of Cupid," both of which, in execution, have called into exercise the highest professional accomplishment, and without which they could not have been repeated with the delicacy and brilliancy that we see here. The notice that we propose giving here of these drawings is so brief as to be limited to the titles of a few of them—as: Mulready's "The Wolf and the Lamb," one of the most popular of the entire catalogue of our English pictures; "The Home-Expected," also by Mulready; "The Liberation of the Slaves," H. Le Jeune—a really great work, full of lights, a most difficult preposition, but managed with great skill; "Spanish Sisters," J. Phillip, A.R.A.—a study of two figures, strikingly national in everything; and by the same painter, "The Spanish Letter-writer"—remarkably sparklin

Stanfield there is "The Opening of New London Bridge"—a composition that excites surprise, not only that so much material could be found, but that it could be employed in a manner so imposing. Another stately ceremony is by Wilkie, "The Entrance of George IV. into Holyrood"—partaking more of the latter manner of the painter than of those which lifted him at once into eminence. Among the figure pictures, there is one that arrests the eye, and declares the original to be a fresco, which it is—the theme, an allegory, being "Britannia receiving the Homage of Neptune:" it is by W. Dyce, R.A., and is at the entrance to the drawing-rooms at Osborne. By Armitage there is "The Battle of Meeanee," which gained for the painter a first-class premium of 500l. at the Exhibition at Westminster Hall in 1847. "The Sisters," Sir C. L. Eastlake; and by Roberts "The Fountain at Madrid;" "Cardinal Wolsey"—cope painted after the description of Griffiths in "Henry VIII.," and represents Wolsey seeking an asylum in Leicester Abbey. "The Fisher Boys," and "The Young Shrimpers," both by Collins, are valuable examples of the captivating simplicity of the artist's feeling and class of subjects; and of George Chambers, whose subject matter was near akin to that of Collins, there are two examples, "Greenwich" and "Dover." "Hyde Park in 1851" (J. D. Harding), is an instance of masterly power in dealing with a subject that is not very attractive. "The Seragiio," by Danby, is one of his most glowing pictures, and contrasting in poetic fiction with the self-pronounced reality of Canalettis. "In Venice." "The Almsdeeds of Dorcas," (W. C. T. Dobson), exemplifies the artist's great power of colour; and in "Go and Sin no more," the delicate manipulation of the artist, E. Corbould, is perfectly maintained—the original is in water-colour; so is "The Falconer," by F. Tayler. But there are some portraits by Lawrence—as that of Sir W. Scott; also of the Princess Charlotte, the Princess Helena, and "The Lady Constance," by Winterhalter; with others by Ga

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Upwards of fifty artists have signed a memorial of their own against the re-introduction of a horse ride into Kensington Gardens. Comparatively few of the artists who sign it are residents of Kensington.

To-day (Saturday) Messrs. Christie and Manson are selling the collection of the late Charles Salt, including some interesting pictures of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Among others, we may mention Van Dyck's portrait group of Henrietta Maria, and Waller's Saccharissa, Hudson's portrait group of Henrietta Maria, and Waller's Saccharissa, Hudson's portrait of Dr. Pepusch, of "Beggars' Opera" and musical fame; a little girl in a landscape, by Gainsborough; Woolaston's engraved picture of "John Whitfield preaching to a country congregation."

On the motion of Lord Granville a select committee of the Lords has been appointed to consider the proper measures to be taken respecting the gifts and bequests to the nation of pictures by Vernon and Turner, and any others of the same kind.

The English artists have lost a munificent and friendly patron in Mr. Thomas Edward Plint, of Leeds, the well-known stockbroker and collector, who died suddenly of disease of the heart on Friday last, the 12th inst., at the premature age of thirty-seven. As a buyer of pictures Mr. Plint's transactions were almost as large as were his dealings on the Stock Exchange. A very large sum—we are afraid to say how large a sum—had rapidly been invested by him in a collection of pictures which he hoped would prove a valuable property to his family. Among other interesting pictures in his possession we may mention the "Proscribed Royalist" and the "Black Brunswicker," of Millais, some of D. G. Rossetti's poetic creations, and more than one earnest work from the hand of Ford Maddox Brown. He was the purchaser of the latter artist's chef dauvre (still unfinished) entitled "Work." Mr. Brett's "Warwick Castle" (now at the Academy) was commissioned by him. Among his las

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the collection of P. Mariette, 1667; proof of the same, before the inscription; portrait of Faloppio; 2l. 2s. Annibale Carracci: The Dead Christ of Caprarola, first impression, proof before any inscription; 2l. 12s. 6d. Giov. Batista Fontana: Ezekiel in the Valley of Bones; Christ before Caiaphas, unknown to Bartsch; 1l. 10s. II Parmigianino: Cupid Asleep; 2l. 5s. Andrea Meldolla: Moses and the Burning Bush; the Same, first state before the plate was injured; 2l. 12s. J. Paulini: An alphabet of capital letters, each composed of fancifal groups, framed in arabesque cartouches; 2l. 15s. Guido Reni: Virgin and Child, before the address of Van Aelst; 2l. 6s. Three boys lifting a salver; proof before the left leg was effaced, a state which Bartsch had never seen, but supposed to exist; 2l. 6s. Cartouche of the arms of a prelate of the Sforza family, commonly ascribed to Cardinal Peretti; also the design for the same by Guido, in chalk and wash; 2l. 6s. Lucretia (described by Bartsch, on the sole authority of Mariette, as by J. A. Sirani, but considered to be by Guido); very fine, from the Storck collection; 1l. 1cs. Spagnoletto: The Flaying of St. Bartholomew; from the collection of Mr. Ford; 5l. 5s. Silenus and Satyrs, in the first state, before the dedication and address; 2l. 5s. Don John of Austria on horseback, a view of Naples in the distance, before the alterations of the plate; 2l. 19s. Tintoretto: Portrait of Pasquale Cicogna, Doge of Venice, the only piece ascribed to the artist; 1l. 14s. Martin Rota: St. Peter at the Gate of Rome, "Domine quo vadis," after Raffaele; the Battle of Lepanto after his own invention; 3l. 6s. Julius Sanutus: The Story of Midas, with Venice in the background, after Correggio; Perseus and Andromeds; 2l. 10s. Francesco Villameena: A Bacchanal, after Annibal Carracci; portrait in a pediment, inscribed "Inigo Iones. Architector. Magnae. Britaniae. F. Villamoena. F."; 2l. 16s. G. Keller: Bath of four nymphs, after Luca Penni, from Mr. Ford's collection; 3l. 10s. Auon: Venus, standing

MISCELLANEA.

THE SALE of the collection of curiosities, relics, models, &c., gathered together by Mr. Wyld at the Great Globe, commenced on Tuesday on the premises, Leicester-square. The building was erected in 1881 at a cost of nearly 13,000L, and at first only contained a model of the earth. Subsequently dioramas and other attractions were added, each set of things forming a gallery of itself. The reason assigned for the sale is the expiration of the time granted for the use of the ground, and the building is to be taken down and the square restored to its normal condition. Mr. Wyld stated his expenditure to have been nearly 50,000l., irrespective of the cost of the erection. The sale yesterday comprised the collection of relics and military trophies of the Russian war from the Crimea, Sebastopol, and the Baltic; the curious Oriental arms, the Arctic collection found in the search for Sir John Franklin, and other small matters. The round in the search for Sir John Frankin, and othersman matters. The prices realised were absolutely ridiculous, and the collectors of such articles as were put up added to their museums at a most trifling cost. The Duke of Mariborough and the Crystal Palace Company were among the purchasers, and the fine models of Stonehenge go to the Copenhagen

Museum.

During the past three months sonsiderable progress has been made in exploring the ruins of the ancient cities of Phœnicia. In January 1861

Dr. Gaillardot commenced at Saida, and M. Ernest Renan at Sour, and the operations at these places are now complete, with the exception of the excavation of the great necropolis at the former place. Remains of the Crusaders were found at both places, but none above ground of the Phœnicians. Gigantic blocks of granite, marking the limits of the present prost of Signer still remains also not the place to the sector of the the Crusaders were found at both places, but hole above givens of the Ancients. Gigantic blocks of granite, marking the limits of the ancient port of Sidon, still remain; also on the plain to the east of the site of the old city a subterranean Sidon has been discovered. Here in 1855 the sarcophagus of Eschmanuzar, in the cavern of Apollo, was found. This is the only great inscribed Phonician sarcophagus hitherto discovered. Portions of another have been found in the same place by M. Renan. Also in the rock-caves of Sidon, some of which are anterior to the time of Alexander, sarcophagi of various forms, some of terra cotta,

ornamented with garlands, have been discovered. Other remains of different epochs have been examined, and portions have been brought to Paris. Some of the sculptures, &c., resemble those of Egypt; others those of Nineveh and Persepolis. Among the objects found in the caverns and brought home are many articles of dress and common use, Phenician coins, and a leaden sarcophagus of good workmanship.

The Times Paris correspondent says that two letters were read at the last meeting of the Geographical Society of Paris from Dr. Peney, who is at present exploring the Sennaar and the country watered by the Upper Nile and its tributaries. Dr. Peney's last letter is dated from Gondokoro, the 20th of February, where he had arrived from Khartoom, after a journey of fifty-eight days. Dr. Peney left Khartoom at the end of October, under the official protection of the Egyptian Government. He had at his disposal two boats and twenty-five soldiers, and no other instruments but a watch, thermometers, a mariner's compass, a sextant, and a telescope. He had not been able to procure a chronometer, which was much to be regretted, as he cannot give an accurate description of the position of the places he has visited. At the beginning of January Dr. Peney arranged with a caravan of merchants, engaged in purchasing ivory, to travel with them to Niambara. It required eight days to perform a journey of twenty-five leagues in the district of Moura. He came to the river Djour, or, as the Arabs call it, the Bahr-el-Djour, at one degree west, and on the parallel of Gondokoro. It runs from southeast to north-west. Its breadth, when the water is low, is eighty yards. Dr. Peney traversed in his peregrinations the territory of several negro tribes. He remarked among them one called Niam-Niam-Makaraka, which is supposed to be a generic time rather than that of a tribe. Dr. Peney, though he was sometimes plundered by the negroes, is not dissatisfied with the result of his expedition. Having returned to Gondokoro, which he fixes at five degrees nor

expected, as it is believed they will announce some important discoveries.

The Paris correspondent of the Times says: "The Moniteur publishes the correspondence that passed between the President of the French Institute and M. Thiers on the subject of the decennial prize of 20,000f. awarded to the historian of the Consulate and the Empire. The prize, which was founded by the Emperor for the most remarkable work appearing during the space of ten years, on this occasion gave rise to a smart contest in the Academy. Among the competitors were M. Jules Simon and Mme. Georges Sand, and the votes were nearly balanced. Then came a dead lock, as neither party would give way. A sufficient majority, however, declared for M. Thiers, and the decision of the Academy was approved by the Institute at its general assembly of the 29th of May last. M. Thiers expresses himself very grateful for the honour conferred on him, and observes: 'The future alone can fix the fate of the productions of the mind. But if there be, while awaiting that unknown future, an authority which could inspire me with the hope of having approached in some degree the object which the historian ought to aim at, it is the suffrage of the most illustrious learned body in the civilised world. I repeat, then, to the Institute the expression historian ought to aim at, it is the suffrage of the most illustrious learned body in the civilised world. I repeat, then, to the Institute the expression of my sincere gratitude." M. Thiers, as every one expected, declines receiving the money. He requests that it be offered to the Academy, to which the prize really belongs on this occasion, to be applied for the encouragement of letters in any way it may think proper. The Monthyon prize (which take its name from the Baron de Monthyon, who founded it in 1782) for the best and most useful work published within the year, has been awarded to M. Xavier Marmier, one of the most graceful writers of the day. M. Marmier has published several important works on Scandinavian history and literature. The performance which has just been distinguished by the French Academy is entitled "Gazida." It contains some graphic sketches of Canadian life, and exquisite touches of pathos. It had to encounter over one hundred competitors for academic honours; but, after much deliberation, the prize was unanimously awarded to "Gazida."

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The first who suffer from the high duties levied on rags are Continental housewives and rag-pickers. They are kept from high prices in the English market in order that rich paper-makers at home should be able to buy their rags cheap. Yet for this wrong the course of trade will bring a sure remedy. If the paper-makers find any great demand for their produce in England, that demand will produce a scarcity of rags, raise their price, and practically remove the bar between the Continental and the English rag market. The rag supply, too, is limited; you cannot grow rags; nobody makes rags for the market. The best rag-field in the world is England, where more linen and calico are worn and put into the rag bag than in any other country. The truth of the case is, that the demand for paper is every year growing into greater and greater excess of the rag supply, and, unless some efficient substitute or auxiliary for rags is found, there will be a paper famine. The scarcity of rags is not confined to England; it is felt in France, Germany, and Belgium; and French and Belgian paper-makers have actually been making purchases in the English rag-market, finding rags cheaper here than at home!

That there is now a serious depression in the paper trade is not to be wondered at; every one at this season buys as little paper as he can get along with, waiting until October gives him paper duty free. As to the paper trade declining, the allegation is simply nonsense. The manufacture has been increasing at a prodigious rate, as the increasing revenue from the excise attests. But, whilst the trade has been increasing it has been rapidly centring in the hands of a few capitalists, and passing into a virtual monopoly. The paper mills of England have decreased from 416 in 1838 to 306 in 1860; in Iteland, from 60 to 26; and in Scotland the number has remained in statu quo in the same period; whilst, as said, the production of paper has increased enormously. Mr. Wrigley

they would prove an exception to our unbroken experience of all protected trades. But let them take courage; more and more paper will be wanted the whole world over. Mr. Wrigley and his comrades will endure competition, but will triumph and grow rich in free trade, and have their mouths closed in prosperity; and the record of their present affliction will be embalmed in a blue-book and forgotten.

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We have been favoured with proof-sheets of the fourth volume of M. Garnier Pagès' work on the Revolution of 1848. The specific title of this volume is "Chute de la Royauté." Whatever recommendation we have given to the three preceding volumes we have had no reason to regret. This fourth volume will tell more to the advantage of the author as an unbiassed historian than all the others. There is the same amount of painstaking, with greater temptations to go astray. What one likes in this work is the skilful use which the author has made of historical documents, and the artful way in which he has worked them into his narrative without shadow of guilty artfulness. As it regards the facts of the revolutions of 1848, this will be decidedly the book of reference. In England we like hard facts, we demand figures. We build upon statistics whenever we can believe that these same statistics have the solidity of brick or of Roman cement. We have endeavoured to check the statistics of M. Garnier Pagès, and have no fault to find with them. His style is easy; facts follow facts, events follow events, as naturally as one could desire. Such works form the best substratum of historical science. Those who have been actors in great popular movements are not always those who are best qualified to give the best account of them. The man who has been in a "row," sees that "row" from his own side only. He magnifies the part he has taken in the conflict. He is all hero, and all those who took his part are heroes. M. Garnier-Pagès, however, tells his story discreetly, and his facts will remain the property of future historians. There are minute details connected with the revolution of 1848 given in

this work, which it would be difficult to find elsewhere, bearing the stamp of truthfulness. The concluding chapter of the work, wherein is detailed the march of the chariot filled with the dead of the streets, has a mournful dramatic interest. When fear fell upon all men at a critical moment; when the question was, "Can we count upon the Deputies?" one voice replied above the others—it was that of M. Garnier-Pagès—"I don't know what others may do, but, for my part, I am ready; the people may count upon me." We can heartily recommend this work to the attention of the public.

The second volume of "Louis Spohr's Selbstbiographie," has just appeared, completing a work of great interest to the musical world. Goethe's "Wilhelm Meister" has been translated into French, by M. Theophile Gautier, fils; and, as far as we have been able to judge from a cursory perusal, seems to be as faithful a literal translation as the French language can accomplish. Among recent German works we observe Charles Ritter's "Geschichte der Erdkunde und der Entdeckungen"—lectures delivered in the University of Berlin, marked by originality, and suggestive in more ways than one to

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Among new German literary periodicals we find the Deutsches Magazin, edited by Julius Erdenberg, which starts with a novel, in three books, the "Strassensingerin von London." How drolly we are interpreted! Yet it is something in favour of our metropolis, to learn that we are not a blackened city, that London is not always enveloped in mists and togs, and that we really do enjoy sunlight and moonlight. Another candidate for popular favour, likewise a periodical, is Unser Vaterland—pages of German and domestic history, edited by Dr. Heinrich Pröhle. If it continues as it has commenced, with fair woodcuts and fair German, it may probably become a success. Still the woodcuts in these days of advanced art in that direction, are capable of great improvement.

We notice two works which address themselves specially to scholars. The first is, "Versiones Homeri Anglica inter se comparatae, Scripsit David Georgius Penon. It is a critical examination of the translations of Chapman, pope and Cowper. The second work is a large folio, published in Paris, and edited by the Viscount Emmanuel de Rougé; the "Rituel funéraire des anciens Egyptiens. Texte complet en écriture hiératique." It has been published from papyri in the Louvre. The lithographs have all the reality of photographs.

A magnificent edition of Dante's "Inferno," has been published in Paris, with 75 plates from the designs of G. Dorè, an artist who, more than any other artist of modern times, has cast himself into the mind of the "man who had seen hell." It is a beautiful folio, and in type large enough for a blind man to read. Of course it is not a poor scholar's edition, but the price (4l., Norgate and Williams), is but a fleabite to the purse of the man of letters, who desires to have his library filled with the best books of the best authors.

MR. D. F. MACCARTHY has translated from "Calderon," in the metre of the original, "Love the Greatest Enchantment," "The Sorceries of Sin," and "The Devotion of the Cross," which Messrs. Longman and Co. will publish.

MR. ALFRED AUSTIN, the author of "The Season," and "My Satire and its Censors," announces another reply to his critics, entitled "A Note of Admiration addressed to the Editor of the Saturday Review," to be published this day.

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Mr. John Cassell promises to issue 100,000 of the first number of his new weekly penny magazine, "The Quieer, whose aim and design is the promotion and defence of Biblical truth and the advancement of religion in the homes of the people." The publication will commence with September.

Mr. G. J. Holyoake has discontinued his Reasoner, to commence in August The Counsellor, a monthly magazine "on secular, co-operative, and political questions."

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MR. J. M. Ludlow will write the seventh of Messrs, Macmillan and Co.'s Tracts for Priests and People. It will consist of two dialogues, the first, "On Laws of Nature and Faith therein," and the second, "On Positive Philosophy."

MR. JAMES GRANT'S novel, "Hollywood Hall," will this week be republished in a cheap edition under the new title of "Lucy Arden" by Messrs. Routledge, "The Sacle and The Saxons," by Dr. George Moore, is announced by Messrs. Longman and Co., for October, as a sequel to his work on the Lost Tribes.

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Mrs. Barrett Browning's Parentage.—A correspondent of the Guardian, corrects a current statement that Mrs. Browning's father was a city merchant. He says: "Edward Moulton-Barrett, now deceased, was a country gentleman, and was never engaged in business. When a minor, he inherited a handsome fortune from his maternal grandfather, and took the name of Barrett by royal sign manual, in the usual way, in addition to his patronymic Moulton. He had a beautiful homestead, called Hope End, beneath the Malvern hills in Herefordshire, in which county he served high sheriff in 1814. He rebuilt the mansion, and embellished the park and grounds of Hope End; and in that fairy dwelling the poetess, his daughter, passed her happy childhood, and the days of her early womanhood. All this is well known in our neighbourhood. Mr. Barrett had estates in Jamaica, the produce of which was, of course, sold in London. This may account for the misstatement having got abroad."

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THE SALE of the collection of curiosities, relics, models, &c., gathered together by Mr. Wyld at the Great Globe, commenced on Tuesday on the premises, Leicester-square. The building was erected in 1851 at a cost of nearly 13,000*l.*, and at first only contained a model of the earth. Subsequently dioramas and other attractions were added, each set of things forming a gallery of itself. The reason assigned for the sale is the expiration of the time granted for the use of the ground, and the building is to be taken down and the square restored to its normal condition. Mr. Wyld stated his expenditure to have been nearly 50,000L, irrespective of the cost of the creation. The sale vestorder comprised the collection of Wyld stated his expenditure to have been nearly 50,000L, irrespective of the cost of the erection. The sale yesterday comprised the collection of relics and military trophies of the Russian war from the Crimea, Sebastopol, and the Baltic; the curious Oriental arms, the Arctic collection found in the search for Sir John Franklin, and other small matters. The found in the search for Sir John Frankin, and other small matters. The prices realised were absolutely ridiculous, and the collectors of such articles as were put up added to their museums at a most trifling cost. The Duke of Mariborough and the Crystal Palace Company were among the purchasers, and the fine models of Stonehenge go to the Copenhagen

During the past three months sonsiderable progress has been made in exploring the ruins of the ancient cities of Phonicia. In January 1861 Dr. Gaillardot commenced at Saida, and M. Ernest Renan at Sour, and the operations at these places are now complete, with the exception of the excavation of the great necropolis at the former place. Remains of the excavation of the great necropolis at the former place. Remains of the Crusaders were found at both places, but none above ground of the Phonicians. Gigantic blocks of granite, marking the limits of the ancient port of Sidon, still remain; also on the plain to the east of the site of the old city a subterranean Sidon has been discovered. Here in 1855 the sarcophagus of Eschmanuzar, in the cavern of Apollo, was found. This is the only great inscribed Phonician sarcophagus hitherto discovered. Portions of another have been found in the same place by M. Renan. Also in the rock-caves of Sidon, some of which are anterior to the time of Alexander, sarcophagic forms some of terra cette. to the time of Alexander, sarcophagi of various forms, some of terra cotta,

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The Times Paris correspondent says that two letters were read at the last meeting of the Geographical Society of Paris from Dr. Peney, who is at present exploring the Sennaar and the country watered by the Upper Nile and its tributaries. Dr. Peney's last letter is dated from Gondokoro, the 20th of February, where he had arrived from Khartoom, after a journey of fifty-eight days. Dr. Peney left Khartoom at the end of October, under the official protection of the Egyptian Government. He had at his disposal two boats and twenty-five soldiers, and no other instruments but a watch, thermometers, a mariner's compass, a sextant, He had at his disposal two boats and twenty-five soldiers, and no other instruments but a watch, thermometers, a mariner's compass, a sextant, and a telescope. He had not been able to procure a chronometer, which was much to be regretted, as he cannot give an accurate description of the position of the places he has visited. At the beginning of January Dr. Peney arranged with a caravan of merchants, engaged in purchasing ivory, to travel with them to Niambara. It required eight days to perform a journey of twenty-five leagues in the district of Moura. He came to the river Djour, or, as the Arabs call it, the Bahr-el-Djour, at one degree west, and on the parallel of Gondokoro. It runs from southeast to north-west. Its breadth, when the water is low, is eighty yards. Dr. Peney traversed in his peregrinations the territory of several negro tribes. He remarked among them one called Niam-Niam-Makaraka, which is supposed to be a generic time rather than that of a tribe. Dr. Peney, though he was sometimes plundered by the negroes, is not diswhich is supposed to be a generic time rather than that of a tribe. Dr. Peney, though he was sometimes plundered by the negroes, is not dissatisfied with the result of his expedition. Having returned to Gondokoro, which he fixes at five degrees north latitude, and not at four and a-half, he was waiting for the floods to cross the falls of Gardo and of Makhedo, and to ascend afterwards by land, accompanied by M. Debollo, a Maltese, already known as having accomplished a very interesting journey. The next accounts from Dr. Peney are anxiously expected, as it is believed they will announce some important disinteresting journey. The next accounts from Dr. Peney are anxiously expected, as it is believed they will announce some important dis-

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the world; a farmer growls in the best weather; a lawyer, a surgeon, a publisher, a theatrical manager, not to run over all the trades and professions in the Directory, each thinks his own difficulties the worst of difficulties, and wishes he were engaged in any calling but his own. Summon any trade to give evidence before a committee, and it would paint its hardships in those hues which only lively experience can command. Looking, then, upon the sorrows of the paper-makers as in great measure natural and inevitable, we are not unduly concerned about them. Their true grievance is, that they cannot get rags from the Continent without paying a heavy export duty upon them; and that Belgium, whose paper-makers have been cutting Mr. Wrigley out of the Times' supply, prohibits their export altogether. Now that is very bad, yet not quite so bad as it appears. First, let us remark that it is hopeless to look to Parliament for help further than to induce the Government to persuade the Continental powers to relax their vexatious imposts on the export of rags, and Belgium her prohibition. To plead for more, for an import duty on foreign paper as an equivalent for the export duty on rags, is quite in vain. The course of English legislation is now fixed in the grooves of the political economists, who teach us to look solely to the interest of the consumer, and to place no restriction in the way of his purchase of cheap paper, whoever suffers. This is hard doctrine, but science proves it is wisest and kindest in the end. If the free labour of our West Indies was exposed to the slavelabour of Cuba and Brazil, so that we might have sugar at the cheapest, how can paper-makers look for any protection from Belgium?

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The first who suffer from the high duties levied on rags are Continental housewives and rag-pickers. They are kept from high prices in the English market in order that rich paper-makers at home should be able to buy their rags cheap. Yet for this wrong the course of trade will bring a sure remedy. If the paper-makers find any great demand for their produce in England, that demand will produce a scarcity of rags, raise their price, and practically remove the bar between the Continental and the English rag market. The rag supply, too, is limited; you cannot grow rags; nobody makes rags for the market. The best rag-field in the world is England, where more linen and calico are worn and put into the rag bag than in any other country. The truth of the case is, that the demand for paper is every year growing into greater and greater excess of the rag supply, and,

linen and calico are worn and put into the rag bag than in any other country. The truth of the case is, that the demand for paper is every year growing into greater and greater excess of the rag supply, and, unless some efficient substitute or auxiliary for rags is found, there will be a paper famine. The scarcity of rags is not confined to England; it is felt in France, Germany, and Belgium; and French and Belgian paper-makers have actually been making purchases in the English rag-market, finding rags cheaper here than at home!

That there is now a serious depression in the paper trade is not to be wondered at; every one at this season buys as little paper as he can get along with, waiting until October gives him paper duty free. As to the paper trade declining, the allegation is simply nonsense. The manufacture has been increasing at a prodigious rate, as the increasing revenue from the excise attests. But, whilst the trade has been increasing it has been rapidly centring in the hands of a few capitalists, and passing into a virtual monopoly. The paper mills of England have decreased from 416 in 1838 to 306 in 1860; in Ireland, from 60 to 26; and in Scotland the number has remained in statu quo in the same period; whilst, as said, the production of paper has increased enormously. Mr. Wrigley, and others, who have held this monopoly, are averse to any changes which threaten to shake their position, and to open the trade to all comers; were it otherwise they would prove an exception to our unbroken experience of all protected trades. But let them take courage; more and more paper will be wanted the whole world over. Mr. Wrigley and his comrades will endure competition, but will triumph and grow rich in free trade, and have their mouths closed in prosperity; and the record of their will endure competition, but will triumph and grow rich in free trade, and have their mouths closed in prosperity; and the record of their present affliction will be embalmed in a blue-book and forgotten.

We have been favoured with proof-sheets of the fourth'volume of M. Garnier Pages' work on the Revolution of 1848. The specific title of this volume is "Chute de la Royauté." Whatever recommendation we have given to the three preceding volumes we have had no reason to regret. This fourth volume will tell more to the advantage of the author as an unbiassed historian than all the others. There is the to regret. This fourth volume will tell more to the advantage of the author as an unbiassed historian than all the others. There is the same amount of painstaking, with greater temptations to go astray. What one likes in this work is the skilful use which the author has made of historical documents, and the artful way in which he has worked them into his narrative without shadow of guilty artfulness. As it regards the facts of the revolutions of 1848, this will be decidedly the book of reference. In England we like hard facts, we demand figures. We build upon statistics whenever we can believe that these same statistics have the solidity of brick or of Roman cement. We have endeavoured to check the statistics of M. Garnier Pagès, and have no fault to find with them. His style is easy; facts follow facts, events follow events, as naturally as one could desire. Such works form the best substratum of historical science. Those who have been actors in great popular movements are not always those who are best qualified to give the best account of them. The man who has been in a "row," sees that "row" from his own side only. He magnifies the part he has taken in the conflict. He is all hero, and all those who took his part are heroes. M. Garnier-Pagès, however, tells his story discreetly, and his facts will remain the property of future historians. There are minute details connected with the revolution of 1848 given in

this work, which it would be difficult to find elsewhere, bearing the this work, which it would be difficult to find elsewhere, bearing the stamp of truthfulness. The concluding chapter of the work, wherein is detailed the march of the chariot filled with the dead of the streets, has a mournful dramatic interest. When fear fell upon all men at a critical moment; when the question was, "Can we count upon the Deputies?" one voice replied above the others—it was that of M. Garnier-Pagès—"I don't know what others may do, but, for my part, I am ready; "the people may count upon me." We can heartly recommend this work to the attention of the public.

The second volume of "Louis Spohr's Selbstbiographie," has just appeared, completing a work of great interest to the musical world. Goethe's "Wilhelm Meister" has been translated into French, by M. Thèophile Gautier, fils; and, as far as we have been able to judge from a cursory perusal, seems to be as faithful a literal translation as the French language can accomplish. Among recent German works we observe Charles Ritter's "Geschichte der Erdkunde und der Entdeckungen"—lectures delivered in the University of Berlin, marked by originality, and suggestive, in more ways than one, to students in history and geology.

Among new German literary periodicals we find the Deutsches Magazin, edited by Julius Erdenberg, which starts with a novel, in three books, the "Strassensängerin von London." How drolly we are interpreted! Yet it is something in favour of our metropolis, to learn that we are not a blackened city, that London is not always enveloped in mists and togs, and that we really do enjoy sunlight and moonlight. Another candidate for popular favour, likewise a periodical, is Unser Vaterland—pages of German and domestic history, edited by Dr. Heinrich Pröble. If it continues as it has commenced, with fair woodcuts and fair German, it may probably become a success. Still the woodcuts in these days of advanced art in that direction, are capable of great improvement.

We notice two works which address themselves specially to scholars. The first is, "Versiones Homeri Anglica inter se comparatæ, Scripsit David Georgius Penon. It is a critical examination of the translations of Chapman, pope and Cowper. The second work is a large folio, published in Paris, and edited by the Viscount Emmanuel de Rougé; the "Rituel funéraire des anciens Egyptiens. Texte complet en écriture hiératique." It has been published from papyri in the Louvre. The lithographs have all the reality of photographs.

A magnificent edition of Dante's "Inferno," has been published in Paris, with 75 plates from the designs of G. Dorè, an artist who, more than any other artist of modern times, has cast himself into the mind of the "man who had seen hell." It is a beautiful folio, and in type large enough for a blind man to read. Of course it is not a poor scholar's edition, but the price (4l., Norgate and Williams), is but a fleabite to the purse of the man of letters, who desires to have his library filled with the best books of the best authors.

MR. D. F. MACCARTHY has translated from "Calderon," in the metre of the original, "Love the Greatest Enchantment," "The Sorceries of Sin," and "The Devotion of the Cross," which Messrs. Longman and Co. will publish.

MR. ALFRED AUSTIN, the author of "The Season," and "My Satire and its Censors," announces another reply to his critics, entitled "A Note of Admiration addressed to the Editor of the Saturday Review," to be published this day.

THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE have, we hear, abandoned their intention of starting their designed penny weekly magazine, Our Double Life.

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Mr. John Cassell promises to issue 100,000 of the first number of his new weekly penny magazine, "The Quiver, whose aim and design is the promotion and defence of Biblical truth and the advancement of religion in the homes of the people." The publication will commence with September.

Mr. G. J. Holyoake has discontinued his Reasoner, to commence in August The Counsellor, a monthly magazine "on secular, co-operative, and political questions."

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Mr. J. M. Ludlow will write the seventh of Messrs. Macmillan and Co.'s Tracts for Priests and People. It will consist of two dialogues, the first, "On Laws of Nature and Faith therein," and the second, "On Positive Philosophy."

Mr. James Grant's novel, "Hollywood Hail," will this week be republished in a cheap edition under the new title of "Lucy Arden" by Messrs. Routledge, "THE Sacle and THE Saxons," by Dr. George Moore, is announced by Messrs. Longman and Co., for October, as a sequel to his work on the Lost Tribes.

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CURIOSITIES OF LITERATURE.—Under this heading Mr. Hotten, of Piccadilly, has just published a "Catalogue of a Singularly Interesting Collection of Books and Literary Curiosities, comprising Jest-books, Bibliography, Heraldry, Volumes of Humour and Pleasantry, Black-letter Books, Works condemned to be Burnt, or whose Authors were Imprisoned or Whipped to Death, interspersed with numerous Literary Anecdotes." Amongst the more noticeable works we observe an unpublished MS. of Roger Bacon; an autograph MS. of the poet Burns; Tyndal's New Testament, 1552, and a very curious book entitled "L'Art de Bien Discourir," or the art of mauufacturing Sermons and Essays to order, in any quantity and upon any subject.

MRS. BARRETT BROWNING'S PARENTAGE.—A correspondent of the Guardiam, corrects a current statement that Mrs. Browning's father was a city merchant. He says: "Edward Moulton-Barrett, now deceased, was a country gentleman, and was never engaged in business. When a minor, he inherited a bandsome fortune from his maternal grandfather, and took the name of Barrett by royal sign manual, in the usual way, in addition to his patronymic Moulton. He had a beautiful homestead, called Hope End, beneath the Malvern hills in Herefordshire, in which county he served high sheriff in 1814. He rebuilt the mansion, and embellished the park and grounds of Hope End; and in that fairy dwelling the poetess, his daughter, passed her happy childhood, and the days of her early womanhood. All this is well known in our neighbourhood. Mr. Barrett had estates in Jamaica, the produce of which was, of course, sold in London. This may account for the misstatement having got abroad."

Mr. T. J. HUTCHINSON, formerly Consul at Fernando Po, whose "Ten Years' Wanderings among the Ethiopians" was recently published by Messrs. Hurst and Blackett, has been sppointed to the Consulate of Rosario in the River Plate

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MESSES, LONGMAN AND Co., in their new catalogue, issued this week, defer a large number of their publications until October. So far as they are concerned, we shall have little new to report during the present quarter.

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DUBLIN has now seven daily newspapers, the Evening Packet, Mail. Daily Express, Irish Times, Saunder's News Letter, Freeman, Morning News. The first five are of the same political and religious principles, viz., Protestant Conservative. The Morning News and Freeman are Ultramontane and Radical.

THE RATEFAYERS of the City of London won't have a Free Public Library. Their patience, they say, is worn out with taxes already, and they will not voluntarily incar more even for a library. Such was their decision at a public meeting held last week in the Guildhall. The meeting was summoned at a time in the day when the artisan classes, who, perhaps above all other, have an interest in the formation of a free library, could not be present. The great merchants and bankers, as a body, were also absent, so that the question came to be decided by an intermediate class of the ratepaying population, the majority of whom had the appearance of small tradesmen. From an assembly like that no other decision could reasonably be expected. Between money and books their decision could have been infallibly foretold. We trust the promoters of the library will not lose heart from this defeat, but bestir themselves with new energy to obtain the sense of the better classes of the City on the subject. There are merchant princes in London who, if moved in the right way, would prove themselves as munificent as any in Liverpool, Manchester, or Leeds.

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Miss Emily Faithfull, who manages the Victoria printing-office, in Great Coram-street, reports that "there are eighteen young women at the Victoria Press, who are making considerable progress as compositors, and there are but three men employed in training and clicking for these apprentices. In the press-room men only are employed, as that branch of the business is unsuitable for women. The Victoria Press is already self-supporting, which I think is even a better proof of its real success than the rapidly increasing supply of work, which comes from all parts of the country, as well as London. We are about to publish a volume called the 'Victoria Regia,' dedicated by permission to her Majesty the Queen. and under her especial patronage, as a perfect specimen of the success which has attended the Victoria Press, and also as a proof of the support afforded to us by our first literary names. The volume will be edited by Adelaide A. Proctor, and will contain original contributions from Tennyson, Thackeray, Barry Cornwall, Kingsley, Maurice, Dean Milman, Anthony Trollope, the late Leigh Hunt, late Mrs. Jameson, Authors of 'Paul Ferroll,' 'John Halifax,' and 'A Lost Love,' Holm Lee, Lady Fullerton, Hon. Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Grote, Mrs. Gaskell, Mrs. Trollope, Mrs. Oliphant, and many others."

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The "Cheap Press" in Scotland, Ireland, &c.—Last week we gave an enumeration of the newspaper press family, of the cheap press in England and Wales, to the beginning of the present year. We now add the number of cheap papers in Scotland, and in Ireland, and the Channel Islands to the same period. In Scotland the cheap papers number altogether 75, of which 43 are published at 1d., 12 at 1\frac{1}{2}d., 20 at 2d. The cheap press in Scotland comprises 32 of the old papers, which were formerly published at the higher prices, and became cheap papers on the abolition of the Stamp Duty in 1855. The numof "intermediate-priced" journals—viz., those published at 2\frac{1}{2}d. are 7; the "high-priced" being those above 2\frac{1}{2}d. are 50; making, with 7 papers published "gratis" as advertising sheets, a total of 139. In Ireland the number of cheap papers is 30, comprising 13 published at 1d.; 3 at 1\frac{1}{2}d.; at 14 at 2d. Of these 30, 11 are old papers, formerly published at numbers, there being 82, comprising all that are published at and above 3d. In Ireland the "gratis" advertising publications are 6 in number. In the Channel Islands the newspapers (13 in number) are all cheap ones except two, which are intermediate priced journals. From the above enumeration, and that which we published last week, it will be seen that in the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands the number of cheap papers, at the beginning of the present was the second of the seco the Channel Islands the number of cheap papers, at the beginning of the present year, was 565, of which 147 are old papers that have, since the abolition of the stamp duty in 1855, reduced their prices to a level with the young cheap press. These enumerations show also the number of high-priced and intermediate-price journals throughout the kingdom, viz., 402 high-priced and 126 intermediate; together with 13 "gratis" advertising publications in Scotland and Izeland.

AMERICA .- Major Winthrop, of the famous New York 7th regiment, AMERICA.—Major Winthrop, of the famous New York 7th regiment, who was shot at Great Bethel, was a writer in the Atlantic Monthly. In the June and July numbers are two excellent papers from his pen, descriptive of the march of his regiment to Washington, of their camp life at the capital, and their progress into Virginia. In a letter written before his death he said, "I shall (if I am not shot) contribute to the Atlantic my impressions of the war." His last paper in that magazine ends thus: "Good-bye to Company I, and all the fine fellows, rough and smooth, cool old hands and recruits verdant but ardent! Good-bye to our lieutenants, to whom I owe much kindness! Good-bye the orderly, so peremptory on parade, so indulgent off! Good-bye coerybody! And so in haste I close."

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MR. EDWARD EVERETT delivered the 4th of July oration at the Academy of Music, New York; it is reprinted in the northern newspapers, and receives prominence almost equal to the President's message.

FRANCE.—Spanish Broom Instead of Rags for Paper.—In giving an account of the recent industrial exhibition at Marseilles M. Taxile Delord, of the Siècle, thus notices a new kind of paper, the raw material of which was imported from Algeria: "But here we have something far more precious than all the jewels of the earth, and yet it is only a simple sheet of paper. That sheet, however, contains the germ of one of the most useful reforms that can be desired. The supply of rags becoming every year more and more inadequate, it was essential to find a substitute for them: and MM. Horace Bouchet and Co. have conceived the happy idea of utilising for this purpose a plant which grows spontaneously in Spain and Algeria, where it is called alfa or diss. It is the esparto, or Spanish broom, which has hitherto been chiefly employed for making mats, ropes, &c. I have seen a journal, the Courrier de Marseille, printed on paper made from this material by MM. Bouchet and Co., and by neither look nor feel can it be distinguished from the best sorts of common paper. Only reflect that Algeria alone can supply 100,000,000 kilogrammes of this raw material for paper-making! There is no longer any necessity for getting up an agitation on the question of rags, or for petitioning Government to prohibit their exportation."

FRENCH LITERATURE RECOGNISED BY SIAM.—M. Etienne Gallois, who has ritten a work on the relations of France with Slam, was a few days ago in FRENCH LITERATURE RECOGNISED BY SIAM.—M. Etienne Gallois, who has written a work on the relations of France with Siam, was a few days ago invited by the Abbé de la Renaudie, the interpreter of the Siamese ambassadors, to visit him at his hotel in the Champs Elysées. On arriving, there was delivered to him an autograph letter from the chief Siamese sovereign. The letter was accompanied with a cigar-box in silver, lined with gold. On the inside was the inscription, "To him who wrote on the history of Siam." The letter is in very good English; the address is in Siamese, and all in the handwriting of the King. The cigar-case was enclosed in an envelope of yellow silk, with the King's arms. The envelope also contained a card with the lither graphed name of the King, and on its back the following words written in English: "Compliments and esteem to M. Etienne Gallois, conservator of the library of the Luxembourg, from his worthy friend whose name is annexed."

The Temps, only established three months ago, promises to be a success, and to hold a high place amongst Parisian newspapers.

BOOKS WANTED TO PURCHASE.

By Mr. John Gray Bell, Bookseller, Manchester. Russell's Life of Cromwell (Family Library).
Almanach des Gourmands.
Sylvan Wanderer, by Sir E. Brydges. Parts II., III., and IV.
Constable's Miscellany. A set.

By Mr. T. Laycock, Bookseller, Oxford. Rawlinson's Herodotus. Vols. III., and IV., or a set. Jones's Bampton Lectures. 1821.

Donaldson's Jasher. 1854.

Weber's Corpus Poetarum.

Olivant's Analysis of Jonesh Olivant's Analysis of Joseph. Ritter's Philosophy, 4 vols. By Mr. J. W. Pink, Bookseller, Cheltenham.

Heath's Book of Beauty. 1842. Adys's Pocket Gunner.
Alison's Europe (10-vol. edit.) Vols. IX. and X.
Pickwick Papers. Parts XIX. and XX,
Kingsley's Hypatia. Vol. II.
Jameson's Characteristics of Women. Vol I.

TRADE NEWS.

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The Booksellers' Provident Retreat appears, from its last Report, to be in a fairly prosperous condition. The amount at present invested in the names of the trustees towards a Permanent Maintenance Fund is 27084. Three per Cent. Reduced Annuities, the annual dividend on which is appropriated to the current expenses; also a sum of 1000. Three per Cent. Reduced Annuities, has been invested in the names of trustees by Mr. Thomas Brown, the treasure, a personal gift from himself. An annual income of 30% per annum is thus secured to the society for ever. By the Deed of Trust this annual income will be expended in procuring medicine and medical assistance to the inmates of the Retreat. During the past year Mr. John Murray has also generously added to his former liberality, by presenting the handsome donation of fifty guines towards the funds of the Retreat; he having at the same time given a simile sum to the funds of the Booksellers Provident Institution.

A Curkous Case was tried in the County Court, St. Martin's-lane, or Monday last. Mr. B. M. Pickering, the publisher of Piccadilly, summond Messrs. Toplis and Roberts; the auctioneers, for the sum of 240. Saf. for travelling expenses, &c. It appeared that in May last Messrs. Toplis and Roberts issued catalogues for a sale of books and furniture at Addisham Rectory, near Wingham, Canterbury. In the catalogue was entered a copy of Fox's Martyrs, of 1553 (by the way, there is no edition of 1553, but of 1563). Mr. Pickering was tempted to the sale by this entry, for, whether of 1553 or 1563, he wished to purchase it. On reaching Addisham, however, he found not an ancient edition of Fox, but a modern and incomplete one—thereon, he made a claim on Messrs. Toplis and Roberts for 24. 0s. 3d., and on their refusal to pay, summoned them to the county court. The claim appeared reasonable enough. If through misdescription in a catalogue a man is drawn from his

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don agent for several Belgian paper makers, had exported considerable quantities of rags since October last to France and Belgium, and the sale of paper from foreign markets had greatly increased in this country of late. There existed an association of paper makers whose object was to maintain paper at an artificial price.

SALES BY AUCTION.

COMING SALES.

By Messrs. PUTTICK and SIMPSON, 47, Leicester-square, on Monday, 29th July, and four following days, the first portion of the collection of Autographs and Manuscripts of Robert Cole. Esq.

The sale of the second half of the Libri Library commenced on Thursday last, and will be continued daily by Messrs. Sotheby and Wilkinson until its conclusion on Friday next. We hope to report a better pecuniary result from this half than from the first.

PAST SALES.

By Messrs. PUTTICK and SIMPSON, 47, Leicester-square, on Wednesday, 10th inst, and three following days, a collection of books and manuscripts; and above 300 deeds and charters, from the Surrenden Library, formed by Sir Edward Dering in the time of Charles I. Amongst the lots sold, the following may be noted:

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Bewick (Thomas) A General History of Quadrupeds, the figures engraved on wood, first edition, thick vellam paper, original mottled calf, gilt back, coloured edges, royal 8vo. Newcastle, 1790. 261, 10s.

Chaucer. The Woorkes of Geffrey Chancer, Lond. Jona Kyngston, 1561: The Tragedies gathered by John Bochas, of the Mutabilitie of Fortane, translated by John Lidgate, Lond. John Wayland: The Bayes and Share of Fortune, in a Dialoge between Man and Money, a Foem. In 1 vol, all in black leading the state of the State of Wales. Dialog (King) The Workes of, portrait of King James, and of Charles Prince of Wales, by Simon Pass, and frontispiece by Elstracks, original calf binding. Folio, 1616. This copy is remarkable for having belonged to two friends of the Royal Author, viz., the two brothers, Edward the broth of the results of the divine post, George Herbert. On the back of the theoretic Pottburry, and the divine post, George Herbert. On the back of the theoretic Pottburry, and the divine post, George Herbert. On the back of the theoretic Pottburry, and Herbert His Booke." St. 15s.

Moryson. An Itinerary, written by Fynes Moryson, containing his Ten Yeeres Travell through Germany, Bohmerland, Swietzerland, Netherland, Denmarke, Poland, Jtaly, Turky, France, England, Scotland, and Ireland, in 3 parts. Folio, 1617. 71, 10s.

Copraio (John) Songs of Mourning, bewailing the vntimely death of Prince Henry, worded by Tho. Campion. Folio, for lohn Browne, 1613. 51, 55.

Ford (Thomas) Musicke of Syndrie Kindes, set forth in two Bookes. Folio, Ion Windet, 1607. 51, 10s.

Gibbons (Orlando) The First set of Madrigals of Five Parts, apt for Viols and Voyces, the five parts bound together in 1 vol. 4to, by Thomas Snodham,

19. 50%.
York Breviary. Breviarium Romanum Secundum usum Eboracensium. Small 4to. Sec. XIII. foliis 368. 32%.
Garrick's Shakspeare Chair, carved in the celebrated mulberry wood, from the designs of William Hogarth, by whose own hand the medallion on its back is executed. 315%.
Kent. 639. Charter of Wihtred, King of Kent, of Liberties to the Churches and Monasteries of the County. "Actum die VI. id. Apr. anno regni ni VIIIo. indictione XII. in loco qui appellatur Cilling," [Selling] A. D. 639. The King signs with a cross, professing his inability to write, "+ Ego Uniatredus rex cantie ad omnia supra script aet confirmata atque a me dictata propria manu signum scæ crucis pro ignorantia literarum expressio." The name of the witnesses then follow. 80%.
Edward II. Livret Roll to Ingelhard de Worlee, Keeper of the Great Wardrobe, 7th Ed. II. a roll, 33 feet long, 9 inches wide. 40%.

BOOKS RECENTLY PUBLISHED.

ENGLISH.

ADMARD—The Border Rifles: a Tale of the Texan War. By Gustave Almard. Fep 8vo bds
2s. Ward and Lock
ALISON—The American Revolution and its Consequences to England. By A. Alison, Esq.
8vo swd 6d. G. H. Nichols
ANSE BOLENY: a Tragedy. 8vo swd 5s. Kent and Co
ALAGO—A Popular Treatise on/Comets. Reprinted from "Popular Astronomy." By Francis
Arago. Translated from the original, and edited by Admiral W. H. Smyth, D.C.L.,
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